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**FRONT PAGE: A jubilant
Trevor Francis celebrates after
putting England firmly on
course for the second phase of
the World Cup with the first
goal against Czechoslovakia.**

'More happiness than I have ever known'

-JIMMY NICHOLL

"YOU can forget your FA Cup Finals and League titles. There was more happiness in our dressing room after beating Spain than I have ever known before."

The words of full-back Jimmy Nicholl sum it all up.

Northern Ireland had their fans dancing in the streets with a sensational and emotional victory over hosts Spain to take them into the second phase of the Finals.

And now the "impossible" dream of World Cup victory is within their sights.

Adds Jimmy: "It's the greatest moment of our careers. I have never known anything like it and it's even more enjoyable after what the Spaniards tried to do to us.

"We were waiting for it but were determined we would not start anything. The only sad thing is that it worked for them in one respect because they had one of us sent off."

That was defender Mal Donaghy who said: "It was just a shoulder to shoulder incident. I hardly touched him.

"It was just an amazing decision but while I'm upset, the lads did great with ten men and made it a marvellous victory."

For Arsenal goalkeeper Pat Jennings, at 37 years of age and with 95 caps to his credit, it was a truly emotional moment after the game with Spain:

"I have never been so proud of a bunch of lads in all my life. They were magnificent. "Words are truly inadequate when you feel the way I do.

"Maybe we haven't got the skill of some of the other teams but we make up for that in guts and heart.

"We climbed mountains to get to Spain

and now we have climbed Everest all over again.

"Our result against Spain must be one of the best of the tournament so far and I think we can a long way now.

"It was very physical out there — one of the most physical games I have ever seen — but the boss had told us not to retaliate.

"I didn't have a lot to do myself but to keep talking to the boys and keep them at it in the heat."

Added Southampton defender Chris Nicholl: "It was one of the best all-round team performances I have ever played in. I was proud of everyone."

Manchester United's Norman Whiteside — at 17 the youngest player ever to appear in the World Cup Finals — it was almost too much:

"When the goal went in I had to keep telling myself we were ahead to believe it.

"When I spoke to my mother back home after the match they were all dancing in the streets outside my home. I just can't believe all this is happening to me."

For skipper Martin O'Neill and manager Billy Bingham it's a marvellous reward for years of planning and leadership.

Says Martin: "I'm simply choked by it all. No-one can know what it means to us. It

was the greatest show by any Irish team I have ever played in.

"It was a superb performance. There is no other way of describing it.

"When the goal went in it was pure magic. The feeling of the team is so good."

And manager Billy Bingham says: "We met the bull in its own bull ring and fought well.

"Even though the bull came back at us we took it by the horns.

"It was a wonderful game and a great victory for the lads. I was proud of them and so must everyone back in Britain.

"I am not forecasting that we will beat Austria and France in the second phase but any team that expects to beat us will have a problem.

"We are out here to do our best and we shall try to reach the Final."

And the last word from Stoke's Sammy McIlroy: "When you realise what we have done it's a fantastic feeling.

"Who knows? Now we could go all the way!"

Right: Jimmy Nicholl — "This is the greatest moment of our careers."

MAGNIFICENT NIGHT OF MY LIFE' BY GERRY ARMSTRONG

IT was the most magnificent night of my life and one of the best results in Northern Ireland's history.

Against all the odds and the most blatant intimidation we beat the Spaniards on their own patch to finish top of Group Five.

No-one else gave us a chance of beating the host nation, but we knew we could do it. After all, they hadn't pulled up any trees in their two previous matches.

The atmosphere in Valencia was totally unbelievable. We didn't seem to have a friend in the stadium. There was an incredible anti-Northern Ireland feeling.

We knew that they'd try to rattle us and make us lose our cool, but their tactics did surprise me. I didn't believe that such talented players would resort to such crude methods.

Even though we knew the dangers of retaliation it was very difficult to maintain a stiff upper lip.

Sammy McIlroy — usually a very quiet man on the field — kicked out after a particularly harsh tackle and received the yellow card.

But the sending off of Luton defender Mal Donaghy was a ridiculous decision by the referee. He didn't even see the incident!

Mal thought the Spaniard was going to hit him, so he just pushed him away. He never struck him.

Poor Mal felt as though he'd let Northern Ireland down by getting sent off, but it was the referee who let us down with his decision.

NORTHERN Ireland captured the hearts and imagination of fans the world over when they beat hosts Spain to top their group and so earn a place in the final twelve of the World Cup Finals.

Against all the odds they came through with a performance that bristled with pride and determination.

Match Weekly's man in the Irish camp sought the immediate reactions of the players as they celebrated in the dressing room.

And matchwinner Gerry Armstrong brings you his exclusive views.

Even when we were reduced to ten men I didn't think we were in any danger of losing. The Spaniards were getting pretty desperate and started knocking high balls into the centre.

With big men Chris Nicholl and John McClelland at the back we knew we had the height to repel such attacks.

'If I play for another ten years I'll never score another goal as important as the one that beat Spain.'

Obviously my goal will stand out in my memory forever. If I play for another ten years I'll never score one that's more important.

I started a run down the middle and then knocked the ball wide to Billy Hamilton. The Burnley man did well to put in a great cross which goalkeeper Arconada pushed straight into my path.

I'd continued my run and when the ball came to me my only thoughts were to hit the thing low and hard.

When the final whistle went all hell let loose. We'd stuffed those Spanish jibes of being 'lazy drinkers' right down their throats.

Of course the celebrations lasted well into the morning — we'd earned it!

To win the group was beyond our wildest dreams. We feel as though we've laid the ghost of the great Northern Ireland team of the 1958 Finals, who reached the last eight.

Ever since we qualified for Spain, people have been reminding us about the exploits of that team. Now we feel we've done as well as them.

Looking at our second phase group we've got to be pleased with the draw. Austria and France aren't unbeatable so we've still got everything to fight for!

●Gerry Armstrong was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.



Northern Ireland manager Billy Bingham (above) salutes the great victory over Spain.



ENGLAND's stay-at-home winger Peter Barnes believes his move to Leeds cost him a place in the World Cup Finals.

Instead of parading his considerable skills in Spain, Peter — like millions of others up and down the country — has had to be content with watching the games at home on television.

But he claims: "If I had stayed with West Brom, I'd have gone to Spain with the England squad."

"Although West Brom didn't have a very good season in the First Division, they reached the semi-finals of both cup competitions and that kept them in the news."

"You don't get the publicity when you're playing in a struggling side and Leeds found the going tough all season," says Peter, who moved to Elland Road for £900,000 in the close season.

"It's totally wrong, but you stand more chance of playing for England if you're a member of a team that's winning things."

"Ability should count — not who you play for, but there are a couple of players in the

'MY WORLD

BLUNDER'

by
**PETER
BARNES**

current squad who had a mediocre season yet still went to Spain because their sides did well.

"The fact that I played for Leeds didn't help my England chances," says Peter.

"In many ways, I jumped out of the frying pan and into the fire by joining them, but you take chances in football. Unfortunately, joining Leeds was a gamble that didn't pay off."

Being left out of the England

Exclusive by Anthony Hawkswell

22 for Spain didn't come as much of a surprise to Peter even though he's been in the international reckoning since making his debut as a 19-year-old against Italy in 1977.

"Obviously I was very disappointed but football is all about opinions and the manager decided he wasn't going to take any wingers."

"I'd just had the worst season of my career so it didn't come as much of a shock when Ron Greenwood rang me with the bad news."

"I felt a lot of sympathy for Tony Morley. He had a great season with Aston Villa and played a major part in their European Cup success and yet he still didn't make the trip."

Peter believes that his World Cup hopes were well and truly sunk when he failed to make the starting line-up for England's friendly international against Holland at Wembley in May.

Strain

"I had a slight hamstring strain and I'm sure that if it wasn't for that injury, Ron Greenwood would have played me for the full 90 minutes. As it was, I came on as substitute for Paul Mariner late in the game."

"Places in the squad were still up for grabs then. Look at Graham Rix. The Arsenal player booked his ticket at the very last moment with a great performance against the Dutch."

"He wasn't sure of going to Spain until that performance. It was the turning point for him."

Even though his best chance so far of playing in a World Cup Finals were dashed, Peter hasn't given up hope of another chance.

"When the tournament comes round again in four years time, I'll be 29 and hopefully still in contention for a place."

"Ron Greenwood retires after this competition and the new man will have different ideas. He might decide to play with wingers and I could be back in the reckoning."

"I certainly haven't given up hope of playing in a World Cup



Leeds boss Allan Clarke — paid £900,000 for Peter Barnes and then dropped him!

Finals. I've just got to put last season behind me and force my way back into the reckoning."

"It's been murder watching England on the television. Obviously I'm pleased when they do well but the disappointment of missing out is still there."

A season that promised so much turned sour for Peter and now he faces the prospect of playing in the Second Division for the first time in his career.

"Even when our fate had finally been sealed, I don't think any of the players really believed it."

"Obviously I'm not pleased about the prospect of playing in Division Two next season, but better players than me have had spells there."

"Trevor Brooking spent a few seasons in the Second Division with West Ham and it didn't exactly harm his career."

"It's going to be a completely new experience for me. I don't really know what to expect. I just hope it doesn't last that long," adds Peter.



Graham Rix — booked his World Cup place at the last moment against the Dutch at Wembley.

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Above: Peter Barnes in full flight for England against Brazil at Wembley — "It's totally wrong, but you stand more chance of playing for England if you are a member of a team that's winning things."

Right: Tony Morley — he had a great season for Villa and still didn't make the trip to Spain: "I felt a lot of sympathy for him," says Peter Barnes.

"On paper, we should never have gone down. We've got a better first team squad than many Division One clubs.

"Now we are down, we've got to do our best to get straight back up. It didn't do Manchester United much harm when they were relegated in 1974. They returned a stronger team.

"I don't think our attendances will suffer too much. We are going to have a lot of big gates because there are a few other Yorkshire teams in the Second Division and, every time we play them it will be like a cup final."

Leeds manager Allan Clarke dropped his big-money signing from the side after a string of disappointing results last season, and since then Peter's

future at Elland Road has been a constant source of speculation.

"Even if the club did want to sell me, they'd only get half the price they paid out. That sort of money isn't about any more.

"The only clubs that could perhaps afford me would be abroad. I've said before that I wouldn't mind moving if it was to the right foreign club.

"Despite all my problems last season, I've still had a good career and I've got plenty to be grateful for," adds Peter who started his League career at Manchester City.

"I've won a League Cup winners' medal and made more than 20 appearances for England. That's not a bad record."



RUSSIA'S 13-MILLION DOLLAR MAN

RUSSIAN star Oleg Blokhin — top scorer in Soviet history — is free to join a Western club.

Says Vacheslav Koloskov, vice-president of the Soviet Football Federation:

"If Blokhin wants to play outside the Soviet Union, he is free to do so. There is no problem as far as permission goes."

The 29-year-old striker has expressed interest in a move and at least one club — St Etienne of France — would be keen to sign him.

But there may be a catch... Koloskov claims Blokhin is worth twice as much as Argentina's Diego Maradona

— recently bought by Spanish giants Barcelona for something approaching £4 million. Which makes Blokhin worth eight million pounds or 13 million dollars!

■ **RUSSIA'S** World Cup squad got a shock when they tried to change their roubles into pesetas at their hotel near Marbella on the Costa del Sol.

They had to settle for strings of beads!

The interlocking plastic beads are designed to save holiday makers from carrying cash around — the colour of each bead determining how much it is worth.

Apparently the Russians were not impressed!

Oleg Blokhin — worth twice as much as Maradona, claim the Russians.



Jock applauds Brazil style

SCOTLAND boss Jock Stein hinted that it would be good for football if Brazil won the World Cup following his side's 4-1 defeat at the hands of the three-times winners, when he said: "It was no disgrace to lose to a team like that."

"They are easily good enough to win the World Cup and it would be the best thing for the tournament and football throughout the world if the game

was always played as Brazil played against us."

■ **WHOOPS!** Prior to Poland's 0-0 draw with surprise team Cameroon, manager Antoni Piechniczek declared: "We didn't do too well against Italy since too many players were affected by the psychological aspect of it being the first game. We'll beat Cameroon, though." They drew again.

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Germans take it badly!

WEST Germany's shock 2-1 defeat at the hands of Algeria didn't go down too well back home.

A bar owner in Essen put up a sign saying: "Anyone talking about football will be ejected."

What's for breakfast, Doc?

ENGLAND doctor Vernon Edwards is a gourmet, too!

All 22 players stay at the training ground the night before a match and the Doc likes to cook the breakfast the next morning.

The resident kitchen staff drew the line, however, when Vernon tried to do the washing-up.

■ **REMINDED** of the time his former team Moscow Dynamo played Glasgow Rangers, brought on a substitute and neglected to take a player off, Russian manager Konstantin Beskov quipped: "Perhaps I should have been trying the same move in Spain."

The 12-man team incident happened during a tour in 1945.

■ **MANCHESTER** United manager Ron Atkinson soon got a prediction wrong.

Ron, working as a television analyst, fancied Honduras to become the first side to let in ten goals or more.

Hungary foiled his tip by thrashing El Salvador 10-1.



Mick Mills (right) tells 'Match' — the top magazine for the behind-the-scenes stories from the England camp — of his "highest honour" and Trevor Brooking (left) says why he believes the future of English football is looking so good.

STAND-IN skipper Mick Mills has spoken of the incredible turn of events which now sees him leading England in their most important matches for 12 years.

The Ipswich defender flew out to Spain wondering whether he would even get a game in the Finals.

Instead, because of an injury to regular skipper Kevin Keegan, Mick has been handed the captaincy and he admits: "It's incredible! Even when I was named in the final 22 for Spain, I couldn't be sure of a place in the team.

"I couldn't be sure where I would play if I got in and I certainly never dreamed of being made captain."

But England manager Ron Greenwood says: "Mick was the obvious choice when Kevin was ruled out because he's been captain of Ipswich for so many years and he's never let us down when he has captained England."

With 33-year-old Mick providing such a capable stand-in by leading England to victory in each of their three first round matches, it's hard to believe that he still doesn't consider himself anything like an automatic choice. But that's the case, as he explains:

"Although the game against Kuwait brought me my 40th cap, I have never been certain of a place in the team. I still don't feel that I am an automatic choice. I always seem to be filling in either in defence or midfield. Now it's as captain!"

Mick, who is nearing the 600 League appearance mark with Ipswich, could have joined Sunderland last season as player-coach. But he chose to stay at Portman Road and he's even more convinced now that it was the right decision.

"Sunderland offered me a fabulous long-term contract but I was looking at the short term — a place in the World Cup squad," says Mick.

"I wanted so much to be out here in Spain with England — even if I didn't make the team — and I felt I had less chance of achieving that goal if I was playing for a side fighting against relegation as Sunderland were.

"It was the right decision in the end but I never expected it would lead to me captaining England."

The spirit in Ron Greenwood's camp has never been higher and Mick has proved a popular skipper with the rest of the squad.

"It was a great honour to be made captain — the highest of all honours in the game for me," said Mick who first stood in for Kevin Keegan for a British Championship match against Wales when England won 3-1 in Cardiff in 1978.

Other injuries — to Trevor Brooking and more recently Bryan Robson — have led to unexpected early chances for Graham Rix and Glenn Hoddle to show their worth on the greatest football stage on earth.

And West Ham stalwart Trevor says: "It's an experience that will stand them in good stead for the rest of their careers.

"Younger players can only benefit from being involved out here. Facing top class foreign players and being involved at the highest level of the game has to be good for them.

"Watching from the sidelines, I have been really impressed by the way the younger players have

handled themselves.

"What they learn out here will not only benefit them and England but also their clubs back home because they are having to cope with opponents and tactics they may not have experienced too often before.

"It's a real bonus for England's future because they are all sensible enough to learn from the

experience."

One man equally impressed with England's form in Spain is Kuwait manager Carlos Alberto, who tips Ron Greenwood's men to lift the World Cup.

Alberto is a respected Brazilian coach and his home country are favourites to win the tournament but he says:

"I certainly believe England will

reach the Final. They are scoring goals, creating lots of chances and not giving much away in defence.

"They were not considered a threat when they qualified but they look very strong and compact.

"They also have good individuals and I think they can upset any team in the competition — including Brazil."



Stand-in skipper

...AND MILLS CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

FORMER SCOTLAND CAPTAIN LEAPS TO 'KEEPER'S AID ...

FORMER Scotland skipper Bruce Rioch (pictured right) has jumped to the defence of goalkeeper Alan Rough, who bore the brunt of the criticism for Scotland's early exit from the World Cup Finals.

The new Torquay player-manager, who played with Alan during Scotland's ill-fated tournament in Argentina four years ago, says:

"I don't blame Alan at all for Scotland failing to reach the second round.

"It's easy to blame the goalkeeper and his defence after conceding eight goals, but Alan didn't have a lot to do and he had some great goals put past him.

"Alan's a smashing lad and has worked hard at his game.

"Jock Stein selected Alan because he felt he was the best goalkeeper, and I would never criticise him for that.

"Alan has obviously done his best, and if that hasn't been good enough, then that's just unfortunate.

"Perhaps we tend to judge goalkeepers against the likes of Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence.

"We are spoilt in England for top class goalkeepers.

"For instance, I have always thought Aston Villa's Jimmy

ROUGH JUSTICE!



Rimmer is one of the best 'keepers in the country, but he has never had a look-in."

But Bruce, who led Scotland in two of their three games in Argentina, feels the current squad have restored the country's pride.

"They have emerged with a lot of credit from the toughest first round group," says the former Derby, Aston Villa and Luton midfielder player.

"Reaching the Finals was a considerable achievement and they have competed with two of the best teams in the world.

"They have done Scotland proud, but in saying that, one has

to be disappointed that we missed out on goal difference for the third successive time.

"I felt all the way along that Scotland would go through with Brazil, but it all depended on their performance against New Zealand.

"As it turned out, those two sloppy goals conceded against New Zealand cost us a place in the second round.

"With all due respect, Scotland couldn't have expected anything from Brazil."

But Bruce believes the future is bright for Scotland in the international arena.

"Players like Willie Miller and

David Narey shone through, Graeme Souness produced some quality performances and little Gordon Strachan emerged as probably Scotland's find of the Finals.

"At international level, you have got to look ahead four years to the next World Cup and not just twelve months, so there are now question marks about the international futures of men like Kenny Dalglish, Danny McGrain and Joe Jordan.

"And it's the older players you feel sorry for because this has been probably their last chance of making progress in the World Cup Finals."

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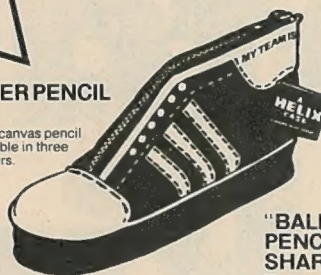


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Right: Choked! We're out of the World Cup despite a tremendous display against the USSR.



DIRECT FROM SPAIN GRAEME SOUNESS

ABSOLUTELY CHOKED!

SCOTLAND should still be in the World Cup Finals.

The USSR don't deserve to be in the second phase at our expense. I firmly believe that we are a better team.

They haven't impressed me at all in the competition and I thought we were desperately unlucky not to beat them in our final Group Six match.

We had our backs against the wall from the start. I thought the Rumanian referee was an absolute disgrace. It seemed that everytime we challenged for the ball he gave a foul against us.

Referees have come under the hammer in this tournament and I can understand why. There's a complete lack of communication and understanding of the different styles of play.

Each continent has it's own style of play, so when they all come together there are bound to be mis-timed tackles and collisions. The referees don't seem to have done any homework.

They should have prepared better for the competition by having meetings and discussing the problems that would arise when two different styles meet.

But it's all very well making excuses and blaming people. We know that we should still be in the competition.

Against the USSR we got off to a fabulous start when recalled striker Joe Jordan gave us a 15th minute lead.

He could have put us ahead even earlier because he had a fabulous header magnificently saved by their keeper Rinat

'MATCH' is the magazine with the big-name columnists. Scotland skipper Graeme Souness reveals his exclusive views following his side's cruel exit from the World Cup Finals on goal difference.

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We were in the driving seat then and I honestly thought we were going to win. Even when they levelled the score at 1-1 I believed we could go on and beat them.

But for all our dominance in the first half we just couldn't put our chances away and then let ourselves down by conceding two bad goals.

It would have been an injustice if they'd won, so it was some consolation for me when I scored the equaliser just three minutes from time.

It was my first for Scotland... if only it had been the winner!

John Robertson played the ball to me and my only thought was to get a shot on target. It was great to see the ball squeeze just inside the post.

But the feeling after the game was one of desperate disappointment. Everyone was absolutely choked. Deep down we knew we should have made the second phase.

Even though the USSR game was always the vital one for us, we blew our chance of going further in the competition by conceding too many silly goals.

We scored five against New

Zealand but let two silly goals in. Even against Brazil we were to blame for a couple and I take responsibility for their second.

But we are a team that likes to go forward and when you do that you leave yourself light at the back.

Unlike four years ago, when we returned home from Argentina in shame, we returned to Scotland with our heads held high.

Although we failed to qualify on goal difference for the third tournament running, we feel we gave a good account of ourselves.

People expect too much from us sometimes. They tend to forget that we're only a small nation of about five million. We've just played the USSR and Brazil, who've got populations running into hundreds of millions!

Playing in the World Cup Finals in Spain has been one of the highlights of my career and my lasting memory of the competition will be the game against Brazil.

I just can't overstate my admiration for the South Americans. I believe there's no other team to touch them in the world.

SCOTLAND FACTS AND FIGURES

Appearances in the 1982 Finals

3 - Rough, Gray, Hansen, Strachan, Souness, Wark, Robertson, Narey (one as sub.), Archibald (one as sub.).

2 - McGrain (one as sub.), Miller, Brazil (one as sub.), Daiglish (one as sub.).

1 - Evans, Hartford, Jordan, McLeish (as sub.).

Did not appear: Wood, Leighton, Burley, Sturrock, Provan.

Goalscorers

2 - Wark.

1 - Robertson, Narey, Souness, Archibald, Daiglish, Jordan. Scotland's playing record in five World Cup Finals:

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It still hurts to be out of the tournament. The constant television and press coverage only adds to the pain.

But there were plenty of successes in the Scotland team and the signs are encouraging for our forthcoming European Championship qualifying matches.

Aberdeen's Gordon Strachan found the heat a bit too much, but he showed what a class player he is with some tremendous performances.

● Graeme Souness was talking Anthony Hawkswell.



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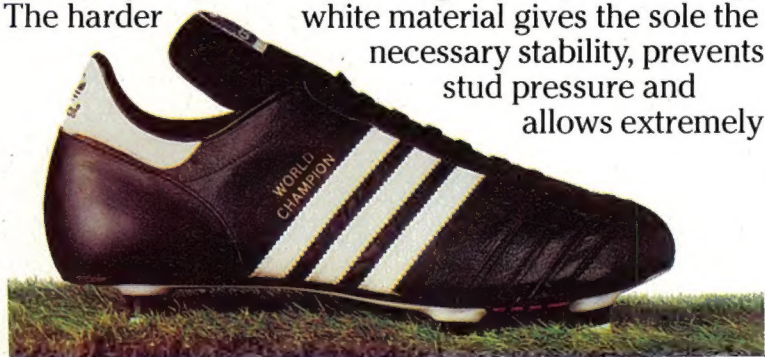
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DIRECT FROM SPAIN KEVIN KEEGAN

Diabolical Spain!

WORLD Cup hosts Spain, our next opponents here in Madrid, have played diabolical football in qualifying for the second round.

If it wasn't for the fact that they are playing on their own soil in front of their own fans I don't think they would have made it this far.

All they have shown the world so far is their unpleasant, intimidating nature. Unfortunately this is a part of their game at club level and it is coming through at international level.

The Spanish seem to be going through the same phase experienced by the Argentinians a few years back, with their aggressive attitude over-riding the things they are good at.

There is no doubt that this is going to be a problem for the English players and we must overcome it. If we need inspiration, we need only look at the Irish.

They were magnificent in their 1-0 win over Spain. Their players showed great restraint and Mal Donaghy should never have been sent off.

The referee is the key man. If he is good then there won't be any problems. It's as simple as that.

Whatever happens, I have faith in the England players. They are a well-disciplined set of lads who are capable of handling the situation.

The important thing to us is that Spain are not playing well. They don't look like a team and they certainly don't compare with the side that beat us 2-1 at Wembley in May last year.

Spain like to be attacked and counter quickly out of defence. But in the World Cup they've been expected to adopt all-out attack and to score goals. It's just not their style and they don't like it because they don't know how to do it.

It worries me a little because they have got to produce something better and it could be against us. I just hope it's against the Germans.

England will have played — and hopefully beaten — the Germans by the time you read this. We went into the game confident, despite our unconvincing victory over Kuwait in the previous game.

I was disappointed by our performance in that match, but not really surprised. My view as a 'pro' is that nine times out of ten this is the way these sort of games go.

We didn't have to get a result to win the group and with games ahead in the players' minds it was almost inevitable that our game would suffer — especially in the heat.

We certainly should have won more convincingly and it's a pity we didn't. Although it wouldn't



A thumbs-up sign from Match Weekly columnist Kevin Keegan that says: "We're on our way!"

have made any difference to us qualifying, it would have made the other qualifiers even more wary of us.

The only good thing you can say about the game is that we were due an indifferent performance and hopefully we've got it out of our system. It's better to play below par against Kuwait than against West Germany or Spain.

Whether or not I will be playing against Spain is still open to doubt at the time of writing this column. I am back in training but I am nowhere near full fitness.

In any case, if we have beaten West Germany I can't see the boss changing the side for the Spain game.

On a brighter note, Trevor Brooking, my room-mate in Bilbao

and now again in Madrid, is on the mend and had a good chance of making the substitutes' bench against the Germans. It's just a matter of getting his wind back and he'll be rarin' to go.

● Kevin Keegan was talking to Melvyn Bagnall.

AND GLENN HODDLE SAYS...

THESE World Cup Finals are tailor-made for Brazil who have looked the best side in the competition so far.

The heat out here is proving to be a very important factor in the matches — especially in the second half.

But Brazil are lapping it up when other teams tire. They are probably used to playing in even hotter temperatures.

But while I fancy Brazil to reach the Final from their half of the draw, we entered the first of our second phase matches against West Germany believing we can get there too.

Obviously it was vitally important that we got a result against Germany on Tuesday and I hope by the time you read this we have two points in the bag.

It certainly seemed they were struggling to find their rhythm in the first round matches, even though they won their group.

England on the other hand couldn't have asked for a better start — despite an indifferent performance against Kuwait in the last match.

I'm sure everyone would have settled for six points from our first three matches before the Finals began!

We came in for some stick for our performance against Kuwait and the boss had a go at us in the dressing room after the game.

I don't think it was a case of the players taking it easy. No-one does that when you are playing for your country in a World Cup Finals.

And I thought we did okay first half. We weren't making mistakes but we weren't sticking the ball in the back of the net.

I felt we got bogged down in the second half as the Kuwait players made it difficult for us. Their offside trap made it very tedious.

The 'little' countries like Kuwait, Cameroon, Honduras and Algeria all showed that they are no pushovers. They all have good skills.

For my own part I was hoping to have a good game against Kuwait but while I quite enjoyed the first half I didn't play very well in the second half.

All I can hope is that I get another chance because, at the time of writing, it looked as though Bryan Robson would be fit again to face Germany.

I made my World Cup debut against the Czechs but I didn't have much time to think about the occasion because I was only told I was going on for the second half two minutes before we went out.

I just went out determined to enjoy my sudden chance and I did. It was just as important to get a result against the Czechs as it was to win our opening game because

all our good work could have gone up in smoke.

And when I went on the game was balanced at 0-0 so there was everything to play for.

We're not looking any further ahead than the next game despite the optimism running through the camp.

And our next game will be against Spain.

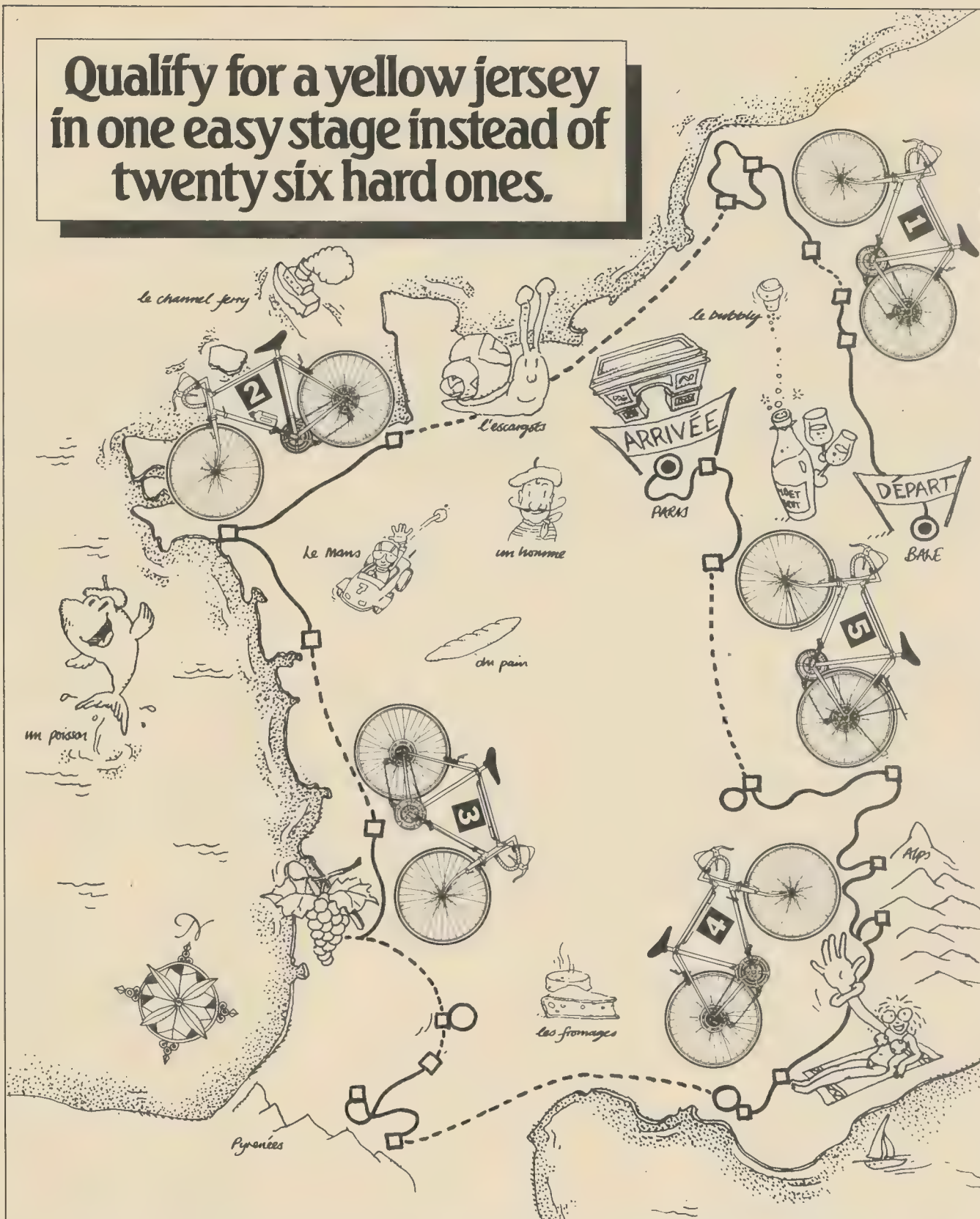
They didn't show anything to frighten us in qualifying for the second phase, but they are a better footballing side than people give them credit for.

I like the look of their number eleven, Roberto Lopez Ufarte, and Joaquin Alonso has also looked useful.

Spain are under so much pressure from their fans and I think that has worked against them so far.

● Glenn Hoddle was talking to Paul Stratton.

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SPANISH SNIPPETS

THE Czech players have been breathing more easily than most out in Spain . . . and it's nothing to do with menthol sweets!

During May, coach Josef Venglos put his team through work-outs on a soccer field 1,200 metres above sea level . . . and took them up to 2,000 metres in a cable car for running and sprint training.

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ALL Zico wants for Christmas is his two front teeth!

The Brazilian superstar lost two in a training accident as he prepared for the three-times World Cup winners' 2-1 victory over Russia in the Group Six opener.

★ ★ ★

THE Kuwait players were on £100,000 a man to reach the second phase of the World Cup finals. On top of that each player was offered £8,000 for a win and £4,000 for a draw.

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DAVID Socha, who handled Scotland's opening 5-2 victory over New Zealand in Group Six is the first American to referee in the World Cup finals.

★ ★ ★

EVERGREEN goalkeeper Dino Zoff celebrated his 100th appearance for Italy by keeping a clean sheet against Poland in Group One's opening match.

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WEST Germany stars Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, Uli Stielike and Paul Breitner have special bodyguards. At least two plain-clothes policemen travel on the German coach every time they go training.

Timely Robson

BRYAN Robson's goal after just 27 seconds in England's opening match with France puts him in line for a solid gold Seiko watch.

Watches will be awarded to the scorers of the six fastest goals scored in the Finals.

The speed of Robson's goal was a record — beating that scored by Frenchman Bernard Lacombe in the 1978 Finals by two seconds.

Also in line for a timepiece is Hungary's Tibor Nyilasi who scored after just three minutes in England's 10-1 demolition of El Salvador.

It was a perfect way for Nyilasi to celebrate his 50th cap for his country.

HUNGARY FOR GOALS

HUNGARY, who topped England's qualifying group, opened the Finals with a record 10-1 annihilation of tiny El Salvador.

They had previously shared the record with Yugoslavia who slammed Zaire 9-0 in the 1974 World Cup Finals.

Hungary's 9-0 hammering of Korea came twenty years earlier in Switzerland.

This time Hungary scored seven times in the second half with substitute Laszlo Kiss grabbing a hat-trick in the space of eight minutes.

But Hungarian manager Kalman Meszoly slammed his defence.

"They made five or six mistakes which against Argentina could have meant a five or six goal defeat."



Laszlo Kiss — led the charge with the first hat-trick of the World Cup Finals as Hungary ran up a record score against El Salvador.

TRICKY TREVOR

PHIL Thompson erased any doubts there may have been about Trevor Francis stepping in for the injured Kevin Keegan against France when he said: "In no way was it a drop in quality. Trevor is a great player and I can vouch for that because marking him in training is murder."

Thompson himself lost his place in the Liverpool side through injury and it almost cost him his World Cup chance but he says:

"You just have to bide your time and wait for things to come right. If you look after yourself and want to get back, things will usually come your way."

● A DAY before England kicked off their World Cup programme against France, the venue for the match was still ringing to the sound of pneumatic drills and hammers.

While Athletic Bilbao's San Mames stadium was

fit for the fans and the players, the £2½million facelift was far from complete on the day of the match.

Meanwhile, it was the pitch that worried the Northern Ireland squad as they prepared for their opener against Yugoslavia.

Spanish Third Division club Levante is almost bankrupt and only just managed to get the electricity re-connected in time so the grass could be cut to enable the Irish players to train on the pitch.

● No problems with language barriers at Northern Ireland's Valencia hotel . . . the head porter was born in Putney!

Richard Brown emigrated to Valencia 12 years ago with his Spanish wife but still maintains a passion for Fulham Football Club.

He watches them when he visits his family once a year.

Birthday honour for Brazil

SCOTLAND'S opener against New Zealand in Group Six coincided with Ipswich striker Alan Brazil's birthday . . . and Jock Stein gave him the perfect present by selecting him in preference to Joe Jordan.

"It was really a moment to savour," said Alan, despite the fact he failed to score in Scotland's 5-2 victory.

"The lads who had been through it all before told me there is no atmosphere like the World Cup — and that includes playing at Hampden Park. Now I understand their excitement."

While Brazil was being preferred to Jordan, Aston Villa's Allan Evans got the nod over Aberdeen skipper Willie Miller and Allan said:

"Three months ago I would never have considered being frivolous enough to suggest playing for Scotland — far less playing for them in the World Cup."

On his choice of Allan Evans, Scotland manager Jock Stein said: "There's virtually nothing between Evans and Miller but Allan is more dangerous in the opponents' box and that gave him the edge for the New Zealand game."

Left: Scotland's Allan Evans: "Three months ago I would never have been frivolous enough to suggest playing for Scotland."

Callaghan calls it a day

FORMER England and Liverpool winger Ian Callaghan appears to have ended his career in League football after 731 appearances.

He has joined Northern Premier club Southport as an adviser to manager John Johnson, and will play when there is the need.

Ian, who played with Swansea after leaving Anfield, had 15 games in the Fourth Division with Crewe last season.

Sorry, Millwall

IT appears we denied Millwall striker Dean Horrix a piece of the limelight in our recent feature on last season's hat-trick men.

For the record, young Dean scored his trio in the 4-3 defeat of Fulham on Sunday, April 25.

● THIRD Division champions Burnley are one club who have found a big change in fortunes within the space of a year.

Less than three weeks after the club had clinched the title, they sold £61,000 worth of season tickets for next term . . . £10,000 higher than the figure for the whole of last season.



Witchdoctor 0 Wizards 0

CAMEROON arrived in Spain complete with a witchdoctor who requested flies, lizards and garlic for his magic brew designed to bring success.

Peru, Cameroon's first opponents in Group One, immediately sent for two wizards whose talents are combatting witchcraft!

They obviously cancelled each other out as the game ended in a goalless draw.

THE ENEMY WITHIN . . .

SCOTLAND are their own worst enemies, according to manager Jock Stein.

Following Scotland's 5-2 opening victory over New Zealand — a match which saw a potentially huge victory turn into an acceptable win — Jock said:

"I still think we are the greatest nation for punishing ourselves at every turn. There were one or two self-inflicted wounds against New Zealand and the goals we conceded were very bad ones to lose at international level."

It was still Scotland's biggest ever win in four appearances in the World Cup Finals.

YOUNG IRISH ACE SAYS 'I'M AWFUL'

NORMAN Whiteside, the youngest player to compete in a World Cup Finals, admits: "I've loads of weaknesses."

"I've no left foot, I'm not that good in the air and I'm not that fast!"

Because he plays for Manchester United and comes from Northern Ireland, Norman has been compared to the legendary George Best, but the 17-year-old says:

"George was a genius in a world of his own. I couldn't live up to that."

Norman only signed professional forms a couple of months ago . . . and six months ago he was still recovering from a cartilage operation.

"My only ambition after the operation was to make half a dozen appearances in the Central League to try and get sharp again."

"Everything has happened so quickly."

Says his United manager Ron Atkinson: "I wouldn't have dreamed of him playing for Ireland a couple of months ago but after our American tour he matured so much it was amazing."

"Out in Spain it has been within his grasp to save me a lot of sweat in the transfer market."

"Listening to the Irish players talking about him they are all very impressed."

MANAGERS MERRY-GO-ROUND

MORE managers on the move.

Oldham fired Jimmy Frizzell, who was the longest-serving manager in the League after Ipswich's Bobby Robson, and Neil Martin quit as manager of Walsall.

Frizzell spent 22 years at Oldham as player and manager, the last 12 in charge of the Second Division side.

Chairman Harry Wilde commented: "The directors were concerned at low attendances. We

thought the club needed a change."

Meanwhile, former Nottingham Forest and Coventry striker Neil Martin has returned to Kuwait to resume duties with Dave Mackay.

He only returned to England last year, initially sharing duties at Third Division Walsall with player-manager Alan Buckley before assuming full control.

Match Chat

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

It's Tom and Terry

IT hasn't taken new Bristol City manager Terry Cooper long to venture into the transfer market with a spot of nifty business.

The former England and Leeds full-back has brought striker Tom Ritchie (right) back to the club on a free transfer just 18 months after City had sold him to Sunderland for £180,000.

Ritchie made less than 40 League appearances for Sunderland, and for the last few months of last season was loaned to Carlisle who he helped achieve



promotion to the Second Division.

It's the third big-money signing Sunderland have given away in recent months, Ritchie following the departure of Argentinian Claudio Marangoni and Ian Bowyer, who returned to Nottingham Forest.

Italian job for Platini

SPEAKING about his decision to turn down a move to Arsenal in favour of joining Italian side Juventus, French star Michel Platini said: "My grandfather comes from Italy and I will be at home there, but it was a difficult decision to make. Apart from Arsenal there were clubs in Germany, Spain and four or five in France who wanted to sign me."

Michel Platini — difficult decision not to join Arsenal



ASTON Villa, despite being the reigning League Champions, drew a smaller average gate last season than when they were in the Third Division ten years ago.

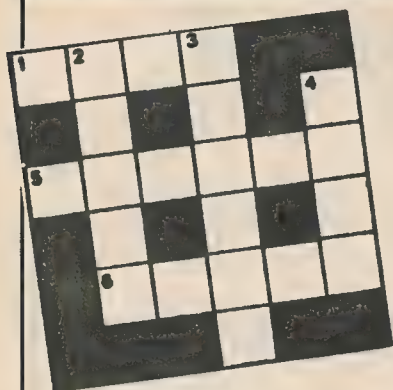
WHEN current Arsenal stalwart John Hollins led Chelsea against Notts County in a League Cup-tie in October, 1964, he became the youngest captain of a League side at 18 years and three months.

FOLLOWING the relegation of Leeds United last season, Yorkshire won't have a First Division club next season for the first time in 99 years.

FANCY THAT . . .

WILLIAM Horton was the only player who ever appeared in both the FA Cup and the League Cup before he made his League debut . . . with Aldershot in the early sixties.

NO-ONE else ever played with as many League clubs as Redditch-born Leslie Roberts. He played with no fewer than 16 clubs before the war.



QUICK X-WORD

- 1 One of the Buckley brothers.
- 2 FA Cup winners in 1972; runners-up in 1973.
- 3 Bell, maybe.
- 4 Play the ball with it.
- 5 Referee Courtney.
- 6 Somewhere for spectators.

Riddle time

I LED my country to the World Cup Finals and also scored our opening goal in the tournament. I'm named after a famous philosopher and I'm a fully qualified doctor.

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Don't miss next week's 'Match Weekly' for the answer to our riddle.

The identity of the mystery star last week was West Ham full-back Ray Stewart.

WORLD CUP QUIZ

TEST your knowledge of the 1982 World Cup Finals — with this 'Quick Quiz'.

1 Who scored Belgium's shock winner in their opening Group Three fixture?

2 Where was the opening ceremony of the World Cup held?

3 What was the score in the opening Group One game between Italy and Poland?

4 One player has won his 100th cap for his country in the Finals — who is he?

5 Name England's five substitutes for their game against France.

6 Name the Scottish goalscorers in their opener against New Zealand.

7 Which Russian player opened the scoring against Brazil?

8 Where will Argentina's Diego Maradona play next season?

9 Which country brought their own witch doctor to the Finals?

10 Who is the captain of West Germany?

MATCH OF THE WEEK

**B.R.
ROCK BUN
SLAVER**

VS.

YON T.N.T. SCOUT



UNRAVEL the jumbled letters to identify which two teams are playing each other.

FOUR YEARS LATER

HERE's the Argentinian team which opened their defence of the crown against Belgium. Which of them played in the 1978 Final?

Fillol, Olguin, Galvan, Passarella, Tarantini, Ardiles, Gallego, Maradona, Bertoni, Diaz R, Kempes.

MATCH 'EM UP

MATCH up the following World Cup managers with their national sides:

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| 1 Enzo Bearzot | A W.Germany |
| 2 Tele Santana | B New Zealand |
| 3 John Adshead | C Italy |
| 4 Guy Thys | D Brazil |
| 5 Jupp Derwall | E Belgium |

SOLUTIONS

QUICK CROSSWORD 1 Alan; 2 Leeds; 3 Norman; 4 head; 5 George; 6 stand
MATCH OF THE WEEK Blackburn Rovers v Notts County
FOUR YEARS LATER The Argentinians who played in the 1978 Final were: Fillol, Passarella, Olguin, Galvan, Tarantini, Ardiles, Gallego, Maradona, Bertoni, Kempes.
WORLD CUP QUIZ 1 — Erwin Vandenberg; 2 — Nou Camp Stadium, Barcelona; 3 — 0-0; 4 — Dino Zoff (Italy); 5 Ray Clemence, Phil Neal, Glenn Hoddle, Peter Withe, Tony Woodcock; 6 — John Wark (2), Kenny Dalglish, John Robertson, Steve Archibald; 7 — Andrei Bal; 9 — Cameroon; 10 — Karl-Heinz Rummenigge

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Monday, June 21

Group Five

NORTHERN IRELAND (1) 1 (Armstrong 10)
HONDURAS (0) 1 (Laing 61)
 Att: 6,000 (in Zaragoza)
Northern Ireland: Jennings, Nicholl J, Donaghy, McCreery, Nicholl C, McClelland, O'Neill M (sub. Healy), Armstrong, Hamilton, Whiteside (sub. Brotherton), McIlroy.
Honduras: Arzu, Gutierrez, Villegas, Cruz, Costly, Maradiaga, Gilberto, Zelaya, Norales (sub. Laing), Betancourt, Figueroa.
Referee: T. Chan Tam Sun (Hong Kong Kong)

Group Two

ALGERIA (0) 0
AUSTRIA (0) 2 (Schachner 56, Krankl 68)
 Att: 22,000 (in Oviedo)
Algeria: Cerbah, Guendouz, Kourichi, Merzekane, Mansouri, Belloumi (sub. Bensaoula), Dhalab (sub. Tlemcani), Fergani, Madjer, Zidane, Assad.
Austria: Koncilia, Krauss, Obermayer, Degeorgi, Pezzey, Hattenberger, Hintermaier, Baumeister (sub. Welzl), Prohaska (sub. Weber), Krankl, Schachner.
Referee: T. Boskovic (Australia)

Group Four

FRANCE (2) 4 (Genghini 31, Platini 43, Six 47, Bossis 89)
KUWAIT (0) 1 (Al-Buloushi 74)
 Att: 18,000 (in Valladolid)
France: Etti, Amoros, Tresor, Janvion, Bossis, Giresse, Platini (sub. Girard), Genghini, Soler, Lacombe, Six.
Kuwait: Al-Tarabulsi, Mubarak N, Ma'Yoo, Mubarak M, Waleed-Jasem (sub. Al-Shemmari), Al-Buloushi, Al-Houti, Karam (sub. Kameel), Al-Dakhil, Yacoub, Al-Anbari.
Referee: M. Stupar (Russia)

Tuesday, June 22

Group Six

SCOTLAND (1) 2 (Jordan 15, Souness 87)
USSR (0) 2 (Chivadze 60, Shengelia 84)
 Att: 38,000 (in Malaga)
Scotland: Rough, Narey, Hansen, Miller, Gray, Souness, Strachan (sub. McGrain), Wark, Robertson, Archibald, Jordan (sub. Brazil).
Russia: Dasaev, Sulakvelidze, Chivadze, Baltacha, Demianenko, Borovskiy, Shengelia (sub. Andreev), Bessonov, Gavrilov, Bal, Blokhin.
Referee: N. Rainea (Romania)

Group One

POLAND (0) 5 (Smolarek 56, Lato 60, Boniek 62, Buncol 68, Ciolek 77)
PERU (0) 1 (La Rosa 82)
 Att: 20,000 (in La Coruna)
Poland: Mlynarczyk, Majewski, Janas, Zmuda, Jalocho (sub. Dziuba), Buncol, Matysik, Kupciewicz, Lato, Boniek, Smolarek (sub. Ciolek).
Peru: Quiriga, Duarte, Diaz, Salguero, Alacocha, Cubillas, Velasquez, Cueto, Leguia, La Rosa, Oblitas (sub. Uribe).
Referee: M. Rubio (Mexico)

Group Three

BELGIUM (0) 1 (Czerniatynski 75)
HUNGARY (1) 1 (Varga 27)
 Att: 30,000 (in Elche)
Belgium: Pfaff, Gerets (sub. Plessers), Millecamps, Meeuws, Baecke, Coeck, Vercauteren, Vandermissen (sub. Van Moer), Czerniatynski, Vandenberg, Ceulemans.
Hungary: Meszaros, Martos, Kerekas, Garaba, Varga, Nyilasi, Mueller (sub. Sallai), Fazekas, Torocsik, Kiss, Poloskei.
Referee: C. White (England)

Wednesday, June 23

Group One

ITALY (0) 1 (Graziani 60)
CAMEROON (0) 1 (M'Bida 61)
 Att: 37,021 (in Vigo)
Italy: Zoff, Gentile, Collovati, Scirea, Cabrini, Orsini, Tardelli, Antognoni, Conti, Rossi, Graziani.
Cameroon: N'Kono, Kaham, N'Deyea, Onana, M'Bom, Aoudou, Kunde, M'Bida, Abega, Milla, Tokoto.
Referee: D. Matovinovic (Yugoslavia)

Group Six

BRAZIL (2) 4 (Zico 29, 31, Falcao 54, Serginho 69)
NEW ZEALAND (0) 0
 Att: 47,379 (in Seville)
Brazil: Valdir Peres, Leandro, Oscar (sub. Edinho), Luizinho, Junior, Cerezo, Socrates, Zico, Falcao, Serginho (sub. Isidora), Eder.
New Zealand: Van Hattum, Dods, Herbert, Elrick, Boath, Sumner, Mackay, Cresswell (sub. Cole), Almond, Rufer (sub. Turner B), Wooddin.
Referee: D. Matovinovic (Yugoslavia)

Group Three

ARGENTINA (1) 2 (Passarella, pen 22, Bertoni 53)
EL SALVADOR (0) 0
 Att: 32,093 (in Alicante)
Argentina: Fillol, Olguin, Galvan, Passarella, Tarantini, Ardiles, Gallego, Kempes, Bertoni (sub. Diaz R), Maradona, Calderon (sub. Santamaria).
El Salvador: Mora, Osorio (sub. Diaz), Jovel, Rodriguez, Recinos, Rugamas, Ventura (sub. Alfaro), Huezco, Ramirez, Gonzalez, Rivas.
Referee: L. Barrancos (Bolivia)

Thursday, June 24

Group Two

ALGERIA (3) 3 (Assad 8, 31, Bensaoula 35)
CHILE (0) 2 (Neira, pen 61, Letelier 74)
 Att: 18,500 (in Oviedo)
Algeria: Cerbah, Kourichi, Merzekane, Guendouz, Larbes, Mansouri (sub. Dahleb), Fergani, Assad, Bensaoula, Bourebou (sub. Yahi), Madjer.
Chile: Osben, Galindo, Valenzuela, Figueroa, Bigorra, Bonvallet (sub. Soto), Dubo, Neira, Yanez, Caszely (sub. Letelier), Moscote.
Referee: R. Mendez Molina (Guatemala)

Group Four

FRANCE (0) 1 (Six 65)
CZECHOSLOVAKIA (0) 1 (Panenka, pen 85)
 Att: 25,000 (in Valladolid)
France: Etti, Amoros, Tresor, Janvion, Bossis, Giresse, Platini, Genghini, Soler (sub. Girard), Lacombe (sub. Couriol), Six.
Czechoslovakia: Stromsik, Barmos, Fiala, Stambacher, Vojacek, Jurkemik, Kriz (sub. Masny), Bicosky, Vizek, Janecka (sub. Panenka), Nehoda.
Referee: P. Casarin (Italy)
Sending Off: Vizek (Czechoslovakia)

Group Five

HONDURAS (0) 0
YUGOSLAVIA (0) 1 (Petrovic, pen 87)
 Att: 12,000 (in Zaragoza)
Honduras: Arzu, Droumond, Villegas, Costly, Bulnez, Zelaya, Gilberto, Maradiaga, Murillo (sub. Laing), Betancourt, Figueroa.
Yugoslavia: Pantelic, Krmpotic, Stojkovic, Zajec, Jovanovic (sub. Halihodzic), Slijivo, Gudelj, Surjak, Vujovic (sub. Sestic), Susic, Petrovic.
Referee: G. Castro (Chile)
Sending Off: Gilberto (Honduras)

Friday, June 25

Group Six

SPAIN (0) 0
NORTHERN IRELAND (0) 1 (Armstrong 47)
 Att: 50,000 (in Valencia)
Spain: Arconada, Camacho, Tendillo, Alesanco, Gordillo, Sanchez, Alonso, Saura, Juanito, Satrustegui (sub. Quini), Ufarte (sub. Gallego).
Northern Ireland: Jennings, Nicholl J, Nicholl C, McClelland, Donaghy, O'Neill M, McIlroy (sub. Cassidy), McCreery, Hamilton, Armstrong, Whiteside (sub. Nelson).
Referee: H. Ortiz (Paraguay)
Sending Off: Donaghy (N. Ireland)

Group Four

ENGLAND (1) 1 (Francis 27)
KUWAIT (0) 0
 Att: 39,700 (in Bilbao)
England: Shilton, Neal, Foster, Thompson, Mills, Coppell, Wilkins, Hoddle, Rix, Mariner, Francis.
Kuwait: Al-Tarabulsi, Mubarak N, Mubarak M, Al-Mubarak (sub. Al-Shemmari), Ma'Yoo, Al-Houti, Al-Buloushi, A-Suwaayed, Kameel, Al-Dakhil, Al-Anbari.
Referee: G. Aristizabal (Colombia)

SECOND ROUND LINE-UP

GROUP A (Nou Camp, Barcelona, 8pm Kick-Off)
 June 28 — Poland v Belgium
 July 1 — USSR v Poland or Belgium
 July 4 — USSR v Poland or Belgium
GROUP B (Bernabeu Stadium, Madrid, 8pm Kick-Off)
 June 29 — West Germany v England
 July 2 — Spain v W. Germany or England
 July 5 — Spain v West Germany or England
GROUP C (Sarria Stadium, Barcelona, 4.15pm Kick-Off)
 June 29 — Italy v Argentina
 July 2 — Brazil v Italy or Argentina
 July 5 — Brazil v Italy or Argentina
GROUP D (Calderon Stadium, Madrid, 4.15pm Kick-Off)
 June 28 — Austria v France
 July 1 — N. Ireland v Austria or France
 July 4 — N. Ireland v Austria or France

● Losers of first match in each group play in second game. If first match is drawn, first-named team in opening game plays in second fixture.

Group Two

WEST GERMANY (1) 1 (Hrubesch 11)
AUSTRIA (0) 0
 Att: 41,000 (in Gijon)
West Germany: Schumacher, Keltz, Stielike, Forster, Briegel, Dremmler, Breitner, Magath, Littbarski, Hrubesch (sub. Fischer), Rummenigge (sub. Matthaus).
Austria: Koncilia, Krauss, Pezzey, Obermayer, Degeorgi, Hattenberger, Prohaska, Hintermaier, Weber, Schachner, Krankl.
Referee: B. Valentine (Scotland)

TABLES

Group 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Poland	3	1	2	0	5	1	4
Italy	3	0	3	0	2	2	3
Cameroon	3	0	3	0	1	1	3
Peru	3	0	2	1	2	6	2

Group 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W. Germany	3	2	0	1	6	3	4
Austria	3	2	0	1	3	1	4
Algeria	3	2	0	1	5	5	4
Chile	3	0	0	3	3	8	0

Group 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	3	2	1	0	3	1	5
Argentina	3	2	0	1	6	2	4
Hungary	3	1	1	1	12	6	3
El Salvador	3	0	0	3	1	13	0

Group 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	3	3	0	0	6	1	6
France	3	1	1	1	6	5	3
Czechoslovakia	3	0	2	1	2	4	2
Kuwait	3	0	1	2	2	6	1

Group 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
N. Ireland	3	1	2	0	2	1	4
Spain	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
Yugoslavia	3	1	1	1	2	2	3
Honduras	3	0	2	1	2	3	2

Group 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brazil	3	3	0	0	10	2	6
USSR	3	1	1	1	6	4	3
Scotland	3	1	1	1	8	8	3
N. Zealand	3	0	0	3	2	12	0

SEMI-FINALS (July 8th)
 Group A winners v Group C winners (Barcelona, 4.15pm Kick-Off)
 Group B winners v Group D winners (Seville, 8pm Kick-Off)
THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF (July 10)
 Losing Semi-Finalists (Alicante, 7pm Kick-Off)
FINAL (July 11)
 Bernabeu Stadium, Madrid, 7pm Kick-Off.

LEADING SCORERS FIRST ROUND

Rummenigge (W. Germany)	4
Zico (Brazil)	3
Kiss (Hungary)	3
Poloskei (Hungary)	2
Nyilasi (Hungary)	2
Fazekas (Hungary)	2
Maradona (Argentina)	2
Bertoni (Argentina)	2
Eder (Brazil)	2
Falcao (Brazil)	2
Wark (Scotland)	2
Schachner (Austria)	2
Assad (Algeria)	2
Francis (England)	2
Robson (England)	2
Six (France)	2
Panenka (Czechoslovakia)	2
Armstrong (N. Ireland)	2

RON Greenwood retires as England manager following the World Cup Finals and the number one contender to take his place is current England 'B' and Ipswich Town manager Bobby Robson. 'Match' examines his record for both club and country.

KEVIN Beattie is convinced Bobby Robson is the man for the England job.

The former England defender spent 12 years at Ipswich with Bobby before being forced to quit the First Division last season through injury.

And he has no doubts that the man who signed him as a raw youngster from Carlisle and transformed him into England material is the obvious successor to Ron Greenwood.

"I've not had many dealings with Ron Greenwood, but I believe that Bobby would do just as good a job," says Kevin.

"I know I would love to play for England under Bobby because he is a great motivator and you want to play for the man.

"He's proved his ability at Ipswich over the years without spending gigantic sums of money.

"I know we haven't won the Championship in his time, but we couldn't have gone closer with a team virtually full of home-produced players.

"He is a very shrewd operator with a remarkable eye for a young talent, which has been proved over the years with the arrival of players like Russell Osman, Steve McCall, Terry Butcher, Eric Gates, John Wark and George Burley.

"He gets involved in the training sessions, and if you are fair with him, he is fair with you."

Kevin had his share of battles

'Bobby's the best' — Beattie

with Bobby over the years, but he still has a high regard for his former boss.

"You have arguments in every walk of life, but Bobby never held any grudges," says Kevin, who was capped nine times by England.

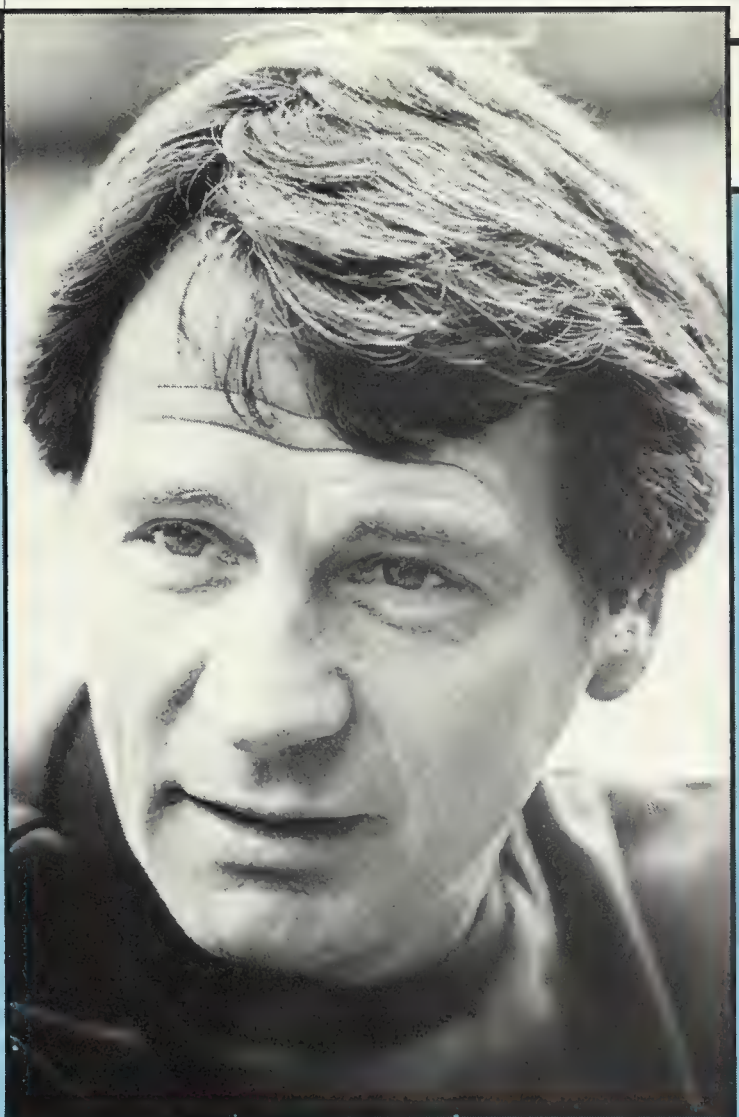
"He was like a father figure to me when I came down from Carlisle after leaving school.

"Ipswich were only just holding their own in the First Division when I arrived, but gradually he drafted in young players from his youth policy and transformed the club into one of the most consistent in the country.

"If you are good enough, no matter what your age, he will put you in the team.

"If he does take over the England job it will be a massive blow to Ipswich because he will be difficult to replace.

"The board of directors are shrewd enough to enlist Bobby's assistance in appointing a successor and it will be up to the players to keep producing the goods on the field."



Bobby Robson in pensive mood — England 'B' suffered only one defeat in 12 matches under his control and, in his 12 full seasons at Portman Road, Ipswich have finished outside the top six on only three occasions.

HEIR APPARENT

BOBBY ROBSON became number one contender for the England manager's job when he took charge of the England 'B' team in 1978.

In twelve 'B' internationals under his control, England won eight and lost only once — going down 3-2 in Spain in March last year.

ROBSON'S RECORD IN CHARGE OF ENGLAND 'B'

May 30, 1978:

Malaysia (1) 1 England 'B' (1) 1 (Kennedy A.).

June 7, 1978:

New Zealand (0) 0, England 'B' (2) 4 (Talbot, Needham, Hollins, Hill).

June 11, 1978:

New Zealand (0) 1, England 'B' (0) 3 (Anderson, Needham, Hill).

June 14, 1978:

New Zealand (0) 1, England 'B' (2) 4 (Talbot 2, Speight, Mariner).

June 18, 1978:

Singapore (0) 0, England 'B' (1) 8 (Anderson, Kennedy A., Daley, Mariner, Langley, Hill (2), Eves).

Nov. 28, 1978:

Czechoslovakia 'B' (0) 0,

England 'B' (0) 1 (Daley).

June 12, 1979:

Austria 'B' (0) 0, England 'B' (1) 1 (Robson) (abandoned after one hour — lightning).

May 31, 1980:

Australia (0) 1, England (2) 2 (Hodde, Mariner).

Oct. 14, 1980:

England 'B' (0) 1 (Statham), USA (0) 0.

Nov. 17, 1980:

England 'B' (0) 1 (Sunderland), Australia (0) 0.

March 25, 1981:

Spain 'B' (2) 3, England 'B' (0) 2 (Statham, Martin).

June 2, 1982:

Iceland (1) 1, England XI (0) 1 (Goddard).

Robson ready to take England reins

IF Bobby Robson does become the next England manager then he will leave Ipswich with one major ambition unfulfilled... winning the League Championship.

But no other team in the country has gone closer without actually lifting the crown since Bobby took over at Portman Road in January 1969.

In 12 full seasons at the club, Ipswich have only been out of the top six on three occasions, and on one of those, they lifted the FA Cup for the first time.

They have been runners-up for the past two seasons and, in 1980-81, collected their first piece of European silverware — the UEFA Cup — on their sixth

Continental excursion.

But the title has somehow eluded Bobby, who was hoping to emulate one of his Ipswich, and perhaps England predecessors, Sir Alf Ramsey, who achieved it back in 1961-62.

IPSWICH TOWN'S LEAGUE RECORD UNDER ROBSON

Season	Division	Position
1969-70	1	18th
1970-71	1	19th
1971-72	1	13th
1972-73	1	4th
1973-74	1	4th
1974-75	1	3rd
1975-76	1	6th
1976-77	1	3rd
1977-78	1	18th
1978-79	1	6th
1979-80	1	3rd
1980-81	1	2nd
1981-82	1	2nd



Left: Trevor Francis falls to the ground after firing home England's winner against Kuwait. Looking on in agony is Abdullah Ma'Yooof.



Right: Midfielder Graham Rix gets round the back of the Czech defence to send in a dangerous cross.

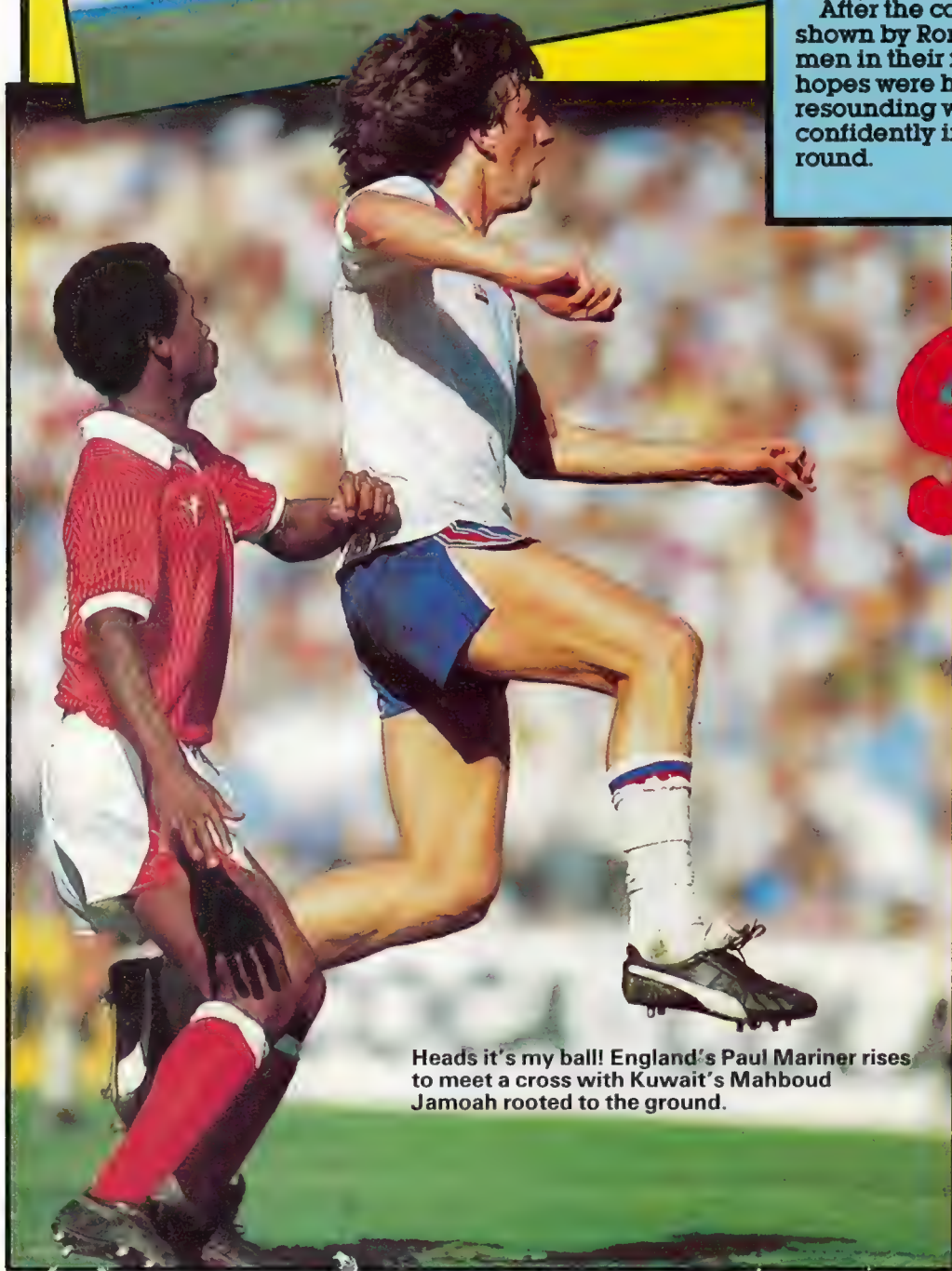
ENGLAND, who played so sweetly in beating Czechoslovakia 2-0 in their previous game, turned a little sour when it came to taking on outsiders Kuwait.

After the convincing form shown by Ron Greenwood's men in their first two games, hopes were high for a resounding win to send us confidently into the second round.

It wasn't to be. A solitary goal from Trevor Francis — good though it was — left England disappointed with their performance.

But skipper Mick Mills summed up the feelings of the players when he said: "We proved we can do it against France and the Czechs and we must lift ourselves again."

Sweet



Heads it's my ball! England's Paul Mariner rises to meet a cross with Kuwait's Mahboud Jamoah rooted to the ground.



Above: England full-back Phil Neal tussles for the ball with Kuwait's Yousef Al-Suwaayed as central defender Steve Foster (6) looks on.

and sour England



Above: Trevor Francis watches in delight as Czech goalkeeper Stanislav Seman fails to stop Paul Mariner's deflected cross to make it 2-0 to England.

Below: Trevor Francis swings into action to give England the lead against the Czechs after goalkeeper Stanislav Seman had failed to hold a Ray Wilkins corner.



Above: Paul Mariner (arm raised) gets a hug from teammate Ray Wilkins after the centre-forward's cross had been deflected into the Czech net by defender Josef Barmos.

TREVOR Francis flew out to Spain hoping, at best, for a seat on the substitute's bench. Instead he finds himself in the thick of the action ... and scoring goals. 'Match' spoke to him in Madrid.

'I'm determined to keep my England place'

ENGLAND'S goalscoring hero Trevor Francis has issued a warning to his skipper Kevin Keegan.

The Southampton superstar is showing signs of recovery from a back injury which has kept him out of the World Cup so far, but his replacement Trevor says: "I'm determined to keep my England place.

"I'm in possession of the England shirt at the moment — it's up to Kevin to win it back."

Trevor scored twice in England's three opening World Cup games — including the winner against Kuwait — and has struck up a good understanding with fellow striker Paul Mariner.

"When I came over here with the squad I didn't expect to make the team. Paul and



Head to head. Trevor Francis and England skipper Kevin Keegan are battling for the same striking role.

Kevin were the regular strike force and the most I could hope for was a seat on the bench.

"But Kevin's unfortunate injury gave me a chance and I've been pleased with my form.

"Although I've been involved in England squads for the last few years I'd never played more than two internationals on the trot. Against Kuwait I stretched that run to three."

The Manchester City striker explains his limited number of England appearances by saying: "I've been dogged by injuries and perhaps I haven't played as well as I could in an international shirt."

Trevor admits that he felt extra pressure on him when England manager Ron Greenwood told him he'd be replacing the skipper for the vital Group Four opener against the French.

"I did feel an extra burden on my shoulders because so much has been written about Kevin. He's a world-wide star and it was a daunting task to replace him."

England got off to a great start against the French with a Bryan Robson goal after just 27 seconds. Trevor helped seal a tremendous 3-1 victory when he laid on the second for the Manchester United midfielder.

"Getting off to such a good start was a real bonus. It relaxed all the players," adds Trevor, who opened the scoring in England's next game against the Czechs.

"Although I was very surprised to see the Czech goalkeeper Seman let the ball through his hands from Ray Wilkins' corner I wouldn't have had an excuse if I'd have missed. It was only two yards out."

His second goal of the tournament against Kuwait showed just how well his partnership with Ipswich striker Paul Mariner has blossomed during the tournament.

He explains: "It was good inter-play between Paul and myself. I received Peter Shilton's kick-out and passed it to Paul. His delicate flick found me with just one defender to beat.

"Those are just the situations I thrive on and I rounded the defender and rifled my shot home."

Even though a fit Kevin Keegan is the main contender for Trevor's England shirt, the former Birmingham and Nottingham Forest star is aware of challenges from other quarters.

"Paul Mariner and myself are there at the moment, but Tony Woodcock and Peter Withe are also waiting in the wings for their chance.

"I believe Tony would get into 75 per cent of the team's in this tournament. That just shows how strong the England squad is."

England qualified for the second phase of the competition with a 100 per cent record. The Brazilians were the only other team to do that.

"There's a tremendous feeling of determination in the England camp at the moment. We've had so many people write us off in the past year that we want to prove them wrong.

"The victory against Kuwait was our ninth straight win in a row and people are beginning to take notice of us again.

"I hope by the time you read this we've managed to make it ten wins in a row by beating West Germany.


"There's certainly no country in the World Cup that relishes a match against us," added Trevor.

MY BATTLE WITH KEEGAN

by TREVOR FRANCIS



Kuwait are on the receiving end as Trevor Francis slides in to score the matchwinner after a great run. Abdullah Ma'Yooof is the defender.



THE world's most expensive goalkeeper talks to 'Match' about the decision that ties him to West Ham for the next five years.

MY PLEDGE TO WEST HAM **by Phil Parkes**

PHIL Parkes has spoken of his love affair with West Ham and told why he wants to end his career at Upton Park.

As the ink dried on a new five-year contract which will keep him at West Ham up to the age of 37, Phil said: "This is the nicest club in the country and looks after the players really well.

"There's a tremendous family atmosphere within the club and I'll be happy to finish my career here."

Phil went into talks with Hammers' boss John Lyall before his old contract expired.

"I asked the manager if he could sort out a new agreement for me and he came back with the answer I wanted.

"It was a big step for me and the club to take but I'm happy so why should I leave?

"I've got no doubts that I can play until I'm 37. Look at Italy's Dino Zoff. He's 40 and yet he's just won his 100th cap for his country.

"I look after myself and I'm as fit as ever. In goalkeeping, experience counts for a lot and it can make up for any agility you might lose.

"I've had three-and-a-half great years at West Ham and, in that time, I've won more than I did in my previous nine at Queen's Park Rangers.

"At Loftus Road, we finished runners-up in the First Division but never won anything. Here, I've picked up FA Cup winner's, League Cup runners-up and Second Division Championship medals.

"I'm not over-ambitious and winning things doesn't motivate me that much but it's great to have something on my sideboard."

Phil made history when he moved across London to Upton Park in February 1979 for £475,000 — a world record fee for a goalkeeper.

"West Ham were in the Second

Division at the time and John Lyall bought me to strengthen the club's promotion push."

It was another year before the club returned to the top flight but they then stormed back — winning the Second Division Championship by 13 clear points.

Last season was their first back and Phil says: "I was very pleased with our final League position.

"It looked as though we'd lost our way mid-way through the season, but the signings of Neil Orr from St Mirren and Francois Van der Elst helped us to turn the corner."

West Ham have since been rocked by the departure of top striker David Cross, who wants to move back north, and Phil believes the club will miss his goal-scoring skill.

"It was a big disappointment when David left. I rate him very highly.

"But John Lyall has gone north of the border again and signed Sandy Clark from Airdrie and, if he does as well as our other Scottish imports, we'll have no worries."

Phil was capped once for England — in 1974 when he kept goal against Portugal in Lisbon. Since then, his international chances have been non-existent because of the form of Peter Shilton, Ray Clemence and Joe Corrigan.

"I've just been unlucky that in my era we are so well blessed with goalkeepers.

"But I've played for my country once and no-one can take that away from me."

So, instead of playing in the World Cup Finals, Phil is watching the competition at home... and enjoying the antics of Algeria, Honduras and Cameroon.

"It's been great to see the so-called lesser countries have their slice of glory. It's made the tournament much more interesting."

24 MATCH WEEKLY



DIRECT FROM SPAIN STEVE COPPELL

Here I am shooting past Patrick Battiston in our opening game against the French. That win put us in a relaxed frame of mind.

GOING FLAT OUT!

ENGLAND entered the Second Round fearing no-one!

On our showing in our first three matches, we had as much chance of lifting the World Cup as anyone else.

Brazil, the favourites, have looked outstanding, but we saw nothing to scare us in the opening round.

So we went into our second phase match against West Germany knowing that if we maintained our consistency, we would be in with a chance of going all the way.

There are plenty of teams in the competition who could win it but, as yet, they haven't shown their potential. So far, I've been disappointed with holders Argentina. They haven't played as well as I know they can.

We couldn't have asked for a better start to our campaign. Victories over France and Czechoslovakia really put us in a relaxed frame of mind.

When the team is playing well, it's easy for individuals to play. Personally, I've been flattered by all the praise heaped on me by the French and Czech managers.

I've always thought of myself as the thermometer in a team. If the side is winning, I can afford to attack people and go up field.

If we're not doing so well, then my job isn't so noticable. I'm usually at the back helping out in defence.

I've always thought of myself as a

winger, but in this England side I've been playing a dual role, with my main duties in midfield.

Even though things went so well for England in the First Round, we've had our problems with injuries — notably to skipper Kevin Keegan, Trevor Brooking and Joe Corrigan.

But their misfortune has seen other players spring up and grab their chance. Manchester City's Trevor Francis must have come to Spain thinking he had little chance of playing.

But look at him now. He's taken Kevin's place up front and, the way he's playing now, there's no way anyone is going to replace him.

Graham Rix has done an excellent job in place of Trevor Brooking. Obviously it was a blow to lose Kevin and Trevor but they've been replaced by class players.

England are not like a club side where you have to throw youngsters into the team when a star player gets injured. The squad is full of skilful players who can fit into the pattern of the team.

Obviously Kevin is bitterly disappointed at missing out on our games, but he's put on a brave face.

In his private moments, he's gutted and deflated, but when he's with the rest of us he's his usual chirpy self.

Being 100 per cent committed to the England cause, he's delighted at the success we've had and never stops encouraging us.

None of the treatment in Spain

seemed to help the back injury so Kevin flew off to Hamburg last week for specialist advice.

The good news is that Trevor's injury seems to be healing and he should be back in action quite soon.

I was absolutely stunned to hear that 'big' Joe Corrigan had to return home with a cartilage injury. The fellow really epitomised the spirit within the England camp.

Even though Joe made the trip to Spain knowing he'd got very little chance of playing, he still trained like a trojan and has been a great member of the squad.

He picked up the injury because he was working so hard in training. The rest of the England lads were having a five-a-side game while Joe was undergoing extra goalkeeping training.

There was talk of my Manchester United team-mate Gary Bailey replacing Joe but at the time of writing, FIFA wouldn't give us permission.

Gary is in Spain with Martin Buchan on holiday. I haven't seen him to talk to, although I did spot his blond head in the stands before the Czechoslovakia game.

By the time you read this, we'll have moved into Madrid and I just hope that our hotel has the same first class facilities as the one in Bilbao.

Our headquarters for the First Round games came in for a lot of unwarranted criticism in the Press. The facilities were superb and we were all very happy there.

It had a fabulous games room with space invader machines, pool tables and videos. There was so much to do that you didn't have time to click your heels and get bored.

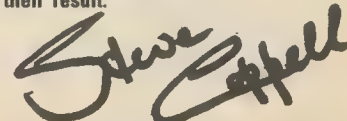
A few of the English lads have been seeing their wives in Spain, but I don't think my better half will be joining me just yet. I'll perhaps make arrangements for her to come out if we reach the Semi-Finals.

Although some of the players feel more at ease when their wives are with them, I believe I'm out here to do a job and having Jane around might disrupt my concentration.

Obviously I was disappointed that Scotland failed to qualify for the second stage.

But at least it will give us English players something to boast about when we return to our clubs for pre-season training. The Scots always rib us about their World Cup successes. Now we've got something to answer them back with.

Finally, I was delighted to see the Irish qualify by beating Spain. We meet the host nation in our next match and N. Ireland gave us great heart with their result.



● Steve Coppel was taking to Anthony Hawkswell.

POP IS

MATCH ALL-STARS

THE Match-Weekly select XI — chosen from the top players in our ratings charts.

MOLLER
(Bristol City)
now with Vancouver

ASHURST
(Carlisle)

GALE
(Fulham)

O'RIORDAN
(Preston)

DOWD
(Doncaster)

BOWLES
(Brentford)

STEVEN
(Burnley)

KAMARA
(Brentford)

ROBSON
(Carlisle)

JOSEPH
(Wimbledon)

LOWNDES
(Newport)

STAR
GALLERY



TOP: England's World Cup skipper Kevin Keegan "typifies everything that is right about football," says Mark Sweeney (14) of Belfast.

LEFT: Peter Huzar of Neasden, London, has drawn England and Arsenal full-back Kenny Sansom because: "He's a great player."

ABOVE: Danny McGrain is the perfect skipper for Scotland and Celtic, according to Andrew Bain (11), of Halkirk, Caithness, Scotland.



Above: Fulham's Tony Gale — top defender in the Third Division last season.

Don't miss next week's 'Match' to discover the identity of the Fourth Division 'Matchman of the Year'... and find out how your favourite player fared.

THE TOPS!

BRYAN 'Pop' Robson, who shook the football world by quitting Carlisle after guiding them into the Second Division, was the Third Division's, top player last season.

The veteran striker with the Midas touch in front of goal hit the 250 League goal milestone in the course of spearheading Carlisle's promotion campaign.

He was the club's top scorer with 15 League goals and was expected to take over the managerial reins from Bob Stokoe.

But the board of directors didn't offer him the post and the former Sunderland and West Ham goal ace resigned his role as player-coach, although he claimed that was not the sole reason for his departure from Brunton Park.

"I have decided not to carry on although I am not leaving just because the board have decided not to make me manager. It is more to do with the general situation," he said at the time.

His average mark of 7.12, worked out from the League ratings in our exclusive Match Facts results section, was sufficient for him to leave the Cumbrian club with another

REVEALING our Third Division 'Matchman of the Year' award for 1981-82.

The award is based on marks taken from our exclusive 'Match Facts' League results service which ran throughout last season.

significant honour.

But it was a close affair with Wimbledon top scorer Francis Joseph pushing 'Pop' all the way.

Two other Carlisle players, Vancouver-based striker Peter Beardsley and defender Jackie Ashurst, also figured in the leading eight.

Three London players filled the first four places with Brentford's colourful midfield star Stan Bowles and Fulham's young defender Tony Gale following Joseph home.

Bristol City's former Swedish goalkeeper Jan Moller was the top goalkeeper before linking up with his ex-City boss Bobby Houghton in Vancouver.



Bryan Robson — 'Matchman of the Year' in Division Three last season but sensationally quit Carlisle.

MATCHMAN OF THE YEAR

DIVISION THREE

Pos	PLAYER	CLUB	Average
1	Bryan Robson	Carlisle	7.12
2	Francis Joseph	Wimbledon	7.10
3	Stan Bowles	Brentford	7.09
4	Tony Gale	Fulham	7.07
5	Trevor Steven	Burnley	7.05
6	Steve Lowndes	Newport	7.03
7	Peter Beardsley	Carlisle	7.00
8	Jackie Ashurst	Carlisle	6.97
9	Chris Kamara	Brentford	6.93
9	Steve Bruce	Gillingham	6.93
9	Keith Mercer	Southend	6.93
12	Hugh Dowd	Doncaster	6.92
12	Kevin Brock	Oxford	6.92
14	David Williams	Bristol Rvs	6.91
14	Don O'Riordan	Preston	6.91
16	Jan Moller	Bristol City	6.90
16	Danny Wilson	Chesterfield	6.90
18	Grenville Millington	Chester	6.88
18	Nick Chatterton	Millwall	6.88
20	Alex Bruce	Preston	6.86

The table left shows the top twenty most consistent performers in the Third Division last season together with their average mark for the year.

To qualify, players must have played in at least 20 League games for one club.

The tables below show the top ten most consistent performers in the various departments on the pitch.

GOALKEEPERS

PLAYER	CLUB	AV
1 Jan Moller	Bristol City	6.90
2 G. Millington	Chester	6.88
3 Ron Hillyard	Gillingham	6.83
4 Martin Hodge	Preston	6.82
5 Ron Green	Walsall	6.78
6 Mark Kendall	Newport	6.76
7 Trevor Swinburne	Carlisle	6.73
8 Dave Beasant	Wimbledon	6.67
9 Phillip Kite	Bristol Rvs	6.66
10 Roy Burton	Oxford	6.63

DEFENDERS

PLAYER	CLUB	AV
1 Tony Gale	Fulham	7.07
2 Jackie Ashurst	Carlisle	6.97
3 Hugh Dowd	Doncaster	6.92
4 Don O'Riordan	Preston	6.91
5 Dave Cusack	Southend	6.83
6 Peter Hart	Walsall	6.82
7 Alan Whitehead	Brentford	6.76
7 Roger Brown	Fulham	6.76
7 Mark Lillis	Hudders'ld	6.76
10 George Foster	Exeter	6.66

MIDFIELD

PLAYER	CLUB	AV
1 Stan Bowles	Brentford	7.09
2 Trevor Steven	Burnley	7.05
3 Chris Kamara	Brentford	6.93
3 Steve Bruce	Gillingham	6.93
5 Kevin Brock	Oxford	6.92
6 David Williams	Bristol Rvs	6.91
7 Danny Wilson	Chester'ld	6.90
8 Nick Chatterton	Millwall	6.88
9 Graham Bell	Preston	6.85
10 Martin Dobson	Burnley	6.81
10 Dick Tydeman	Gillingham	6.81

FORWARDS

PLAYER	CLUB	AV
1 Bryan Robson	Carlisle	7.12
2 Francis Joseph	Wimbledon	7.10
3 Steve Lowndes	Newport	7.03
4 Peter Beardsley	Carlisle	7.00
5 Keith Mercer	Southend	6.93
6 Alex Bruce	Preston	6.86
7 Billy Hamilton	Burnley	6.77
8 Tony Cunningham	Lincoln	6.76
9 Peter Sutcliffe	Chester	6.75
10 Gordon Davies	Fulham	6.73

GOING DUTCH!



MUHREN COULD BE UNITED'S MISSING LINK

DUTCH maestro Arnold Muhren could be the final piece in Manchester United's Championship jigsaw.

That's the impression of Scottish full-back Arthur Albiston who will be linking up with the former Ipswich midfield star along the left corridor of United's title contenders.

The capture of the cultured Dutchman on a free transfer to blend in with England's World Cup trio of Bryan Robson, Ray Wilkins and Steve Coppell should make United's midfield department the envy of football.

As Arthur puts it: "The signing of a world class player like Arnold Muhren must strengthen the squad."

"With players like Robson, Coppell, Moses, Macari and Wilkins around, there's going to be a lot of competition for midfield places and that's a good thing."

"I would like to think that we will be among the Championship contenders next season."

"We regarded ourselves as

SPOTLIGHT on Old Trafford and the transfer that has strengthened Manchester United's Championship challenge . . .

contenders last season. We finished third despite injuries and the settling-in period of a new manager and players.

"Now that all the players have become accustomed to United's style, we should be in a stronger position next season to challenge for the title."

"We were disappointed last season that we didn't finish higher than third, but it was due mainly to our sketchy form at Old Trafford."

Adventure

United conceded 15 points at home last season, a rare occurrence in the near-impregnable fortress.

But United's faithful are hoping that Arnold's sweet left foot and telescopic vision will unlock some of the teams who traded adventure for caution at Old Trafford last season.

Certainly Arthur, capped recently by Scotland in Northern Ireland, sees the Dutch ace as a real boost to United's midfield armoury.

"He proved at Ipswich over the past four seasons that he is a world class player," says Arthur, who was one of only two ever-presents in the United side last season.

"I can't actually pinpoint his strengths because I haven't seen him that often, but he always looks so comfortable on the ball."

"It wasn't really a surprise when he signed because we knew that the boss was chasing a left-sided midfield player."



Top: Arthur Albiston — looking forward to playing alongside Arnold Muhren next season.

Above: All smiles from Arnold and his wife Geerie outside Old Trafford on the day the Dutch international signed for the club.

"He had hinted all season that he was looking for a player of that type or a left winger, so once Arnold became available, it seemed only a matter of time before he signed."

"Bryan Robson has been playing on the left hand side of midfield, but he prefers a more central role."

"I'm certainly looking forward to playing behind Arnold next season."

"He has a wealth of experience and I can only learn from a player with his skill and knowledge."

Arnold Muhren himself says: "Manchester United were the only English club I would have left Ipswich to join."

"They are one of the most

famous clubs in the world.

"But it was difficult to leave Ipswich where I spent four happy years."

Added Manchester United chairman Martin Edwards: "I think this is the beginning of a trend that will spread throughout the transfer market."

"It fits in perfectly for us because we shall be paying for Arnold's services as we go along."

"Arnold is a very experienced and cultured player but one of the main reasons we signed him is that there was no fee involved."

"Nobody spends big money these days. The transfer system of big fees has died a death."

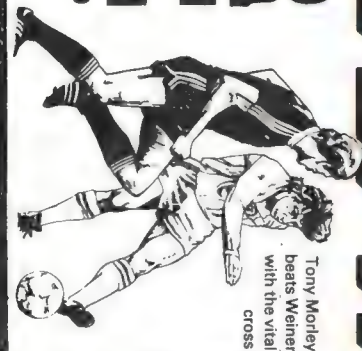


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European Cup Final, Rotterdam,
May 26th 1982



Peter slots home the winner...



ASTON Villa are the 'kings of Europe'.
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For craggy striker Peter Withe began his career in the soccer backwaters of Southport and Barrow, gradually inching his way into more fashionable avenues, culminating in the role of goal hero on Europe's showpiece gala night of the year.

And his 56th minute goal, arriving at a time when Villa were straining under the might of the German champions, maintained England's dominance of the prestigious competition which now spans six successive years.

The big England striker would be first to admit that he owed a great debt to the mercurial skills of Tony Morley on the left, who laid the ball on a plate for the kill.

But Peter was in the right spot at the right time to sink the stunned Germans, even though his close range effort had the assistance of the inside of an upright.

Says Peter: "Without doubt it was the most important goal I've ever scored. But it went in off my shin!

"I saw Tony Morley get to the by line and realised I'd got space in the middle.

"Just as I was about to hit the ball it bobbled and I connected with my shin. But it went in and it was enough to win the European Cup."



and receives the congratulations of Kenny Swain

STEVE
H. GOSPEL

USSR defender Anatoliy Demianenko hurtles in on the Scottish goal as Joe Jordan looks on (right), and more danger, this time from Oleg Blokhin (below) as he races past Frank Gray. But the Scots got off to a great start after 15 minutes. Joe Jordan (bottom) leaps over 'keeper Rinat Dasaev after giving Scotland the lead.



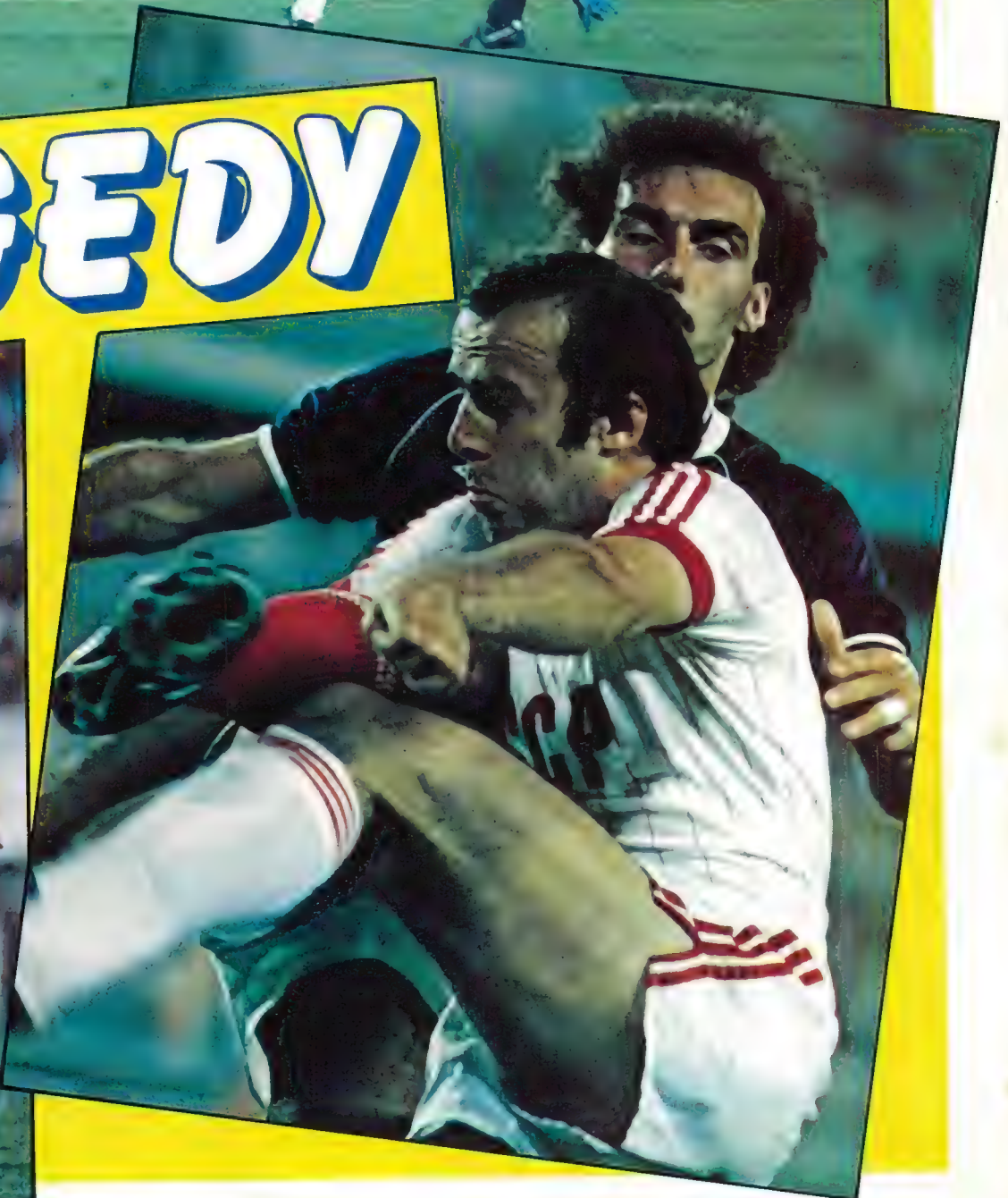
TARTAN



Moment of tragedy for the Scots (left) as Ramaz Shengelia turns away in delight after making the score 2-1 to USSR, but Scotland battled all the way and no-one more than skipper Graeme Souness (bottom left) who had the consolation of scoring the equaliser, and tough-tackling defender Willie Miller (bottom right) seen in action against goalscorer Shengelia.



TRAGEDY



THE AGONY

'MATCH' highlights some of the ups and downs of the 1982 World Cup Finals.

RIGHT: Agony for Ray Clemence as he's told by boss Ron Greenwood that Peter Shilton is England's first choice 'keeper.

BELOW: Ecstasy for Belgium number nine Erwin Vandenberghe as he's congratulated after scoring the winner against Argentina in the opening match.

BELOW RIGHT: Agony for Argentina's Diego Maradona as he comes in for rough treatment from Belgium's Ludo Coeck.

BOTTOM: Ecstasy for Brazil skipper Socrates (arm raised) after scoring his marvellous goal in the 2-1 First Round defeat of Russia.



THE ECSTASY



Belgian hero admits: 'I NEARLY MISSED'

WHETHER or not Belgium go on to win the World Cup, it will be a tournament to remember for striker Erwin Vandenberg.

His name will go down in the record books as the first player to score in an opening game for 20 years.

But when he talked to 'Match Weekly' about his match-winner against holders Argentina, he admitted:

"I thought I was going to miss because I seemed to have so much time.

"Fortunately, I kept my head and scored and it was a great feeling."

But the goal apart, the young Belgium striker was not happy with his overall performance:

"I should have scored again later in the game but my concentration slipped when Frank Vercauteren's cross came over.

"I should have scored then because it would have taken the pressure off the team."

It was Vercauteren who provided the cross

for Vandenberg's historic winner.

"I wasn't too happy with my early form because the midfield men were creating chances for me and I wasn't taking advantage of them.

"When Frank's cross came over for the goal, I was a little surprised because I had so much space and time to control the ball."

Belgium's 1-0 victory was the first of a series of shock results in the first phase matches and, looking at the game overall, Erwin says:

"We started badly against Argentina. Our defence was a little shaky and they pushed forward as much as possible.

"Maradona looked good and we all thought he was going to cause us a lot of problems.

"But they didn't seem able to get everything right. Their final touch was lacking and we soon got the measure of them and started to settle down.

"As soon as we started to break out fast from defence, we caused them problems."



Erwin Vandenberg — thought he was going to miss his match-winner against Argentina.

**WORLD
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SPOTLIGHT on Spain and 'Match' talks to two of the stars to hit the headlines...

'England would enjoy my skill' — LARIOS

JEAN Francois Larios looked ahead to the possibility of playing for Tottenham next season and declared: "I think I have the skill English soccer fans would enjoy."

Larios, a household name in France and on the Continent, wants a move to the English League to improve his game.

He told 'Match Weekly': "I need to improve my concentration and defensive qualities if I am to do well but I like a challenge."

Tottenham manager Keith Burkinshaw — resigned to the fact that he won't have the services of Tottenham stars Ossie Ardiles and Ricky Villa next season — has already had talks with Larios, whose contract with St Etienne is at an end.

And the midfielder, who played in the 3-1 defeat at the hands of England earlier in the World Cup Finals, says:

"It would be nice to play for Tottenham because they are one of the big names in football.

"It would be a real challenge to follow two such great players as Ardiles and Villa but I would enjoy it.

"It would be good for my game because I have become a little stale with St Etienne.

"A new stadium, new fans and

the chance to play in the greatest League in the world is the biggest challenge I could ask for."

Larios can be a match-winner but his form is erratic.

Over the past two seasons, he has been in and out of the St Etienne side, although towards the end of last season he recaptured his form in time to make the World Cup Finals.

And that made French manager Michel Hidalgo very happy...

"Larios can win a game on his own," says the France boss.

"Against England he played badly, but he will always figure in my plans because he is such a fine player.

"He's capable of flashes of brilliance and, when that happens, he can be a world beater.

"I think a move to the English League would be a good thing for him.

"It will teach him that he has to play for 90 minutes and be prepared to defend when needed.

"It would be good for him and the French team.

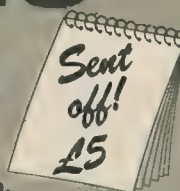
"I rate him very highly indeed — better even than Michel Platini at times. All he needs is some consistency in his game.

"If he works hard he can get that in England."



Jean Francois Larios — could be lining up for Tottenham next season.

KEEGAN IS NO SUPERSTAR



I'M outraged at the praise given to Kevin Keegan because he never plays well at international level.

All he does is stand there like a dummy in a shop window.

On the odd occasion he does challenge for the ball, he only goes in half-heartedly and quite rightly gets injured.

England should put in the likes of David

Cross and David Johnson.

And Trevor Brooking should be captain. Douglas Challinor, North Hykeham, Lincoln.

● ONE thing you can't accuse Keegan of is lacking whole-hearted effort. And his performances over the years for England have been, in the main, inspirational. Of course he should be captain. You're off!

INTERFERING WITH PLAY

I AM outraged at the way referees kept getting in the way of the ball last season.

I've actually seen them jumping over the ball and, sometimes, even playing a 'dummy'. Don't they know that these little exhibitions can put players off? They should keep out of the way.

Siavash Lohrash (14), Kingsbury, London.

● LIKE the ref who kept out of the way in the World Cup match between Russia and Brazil when a Brazilian deliberately handled the ball in the area and no penalty was given? Don't criticise referees for keeping up with play. And don't knock British refs — they're the best. You're booked.

Where are the patriots?

I'M outraged by the opinions expressed by readers in the 'Outraged' column!

Over the past few weeks, the headlines have read: 'England Will Flop' and 'England Disaster'.

Can't these people get behind their team and offer a bit of support? What's happened to patriotism?

Kevin Cook, Coventry.

● IT has been replaced with a desire to make money! England defeatists know what to expect from me — a booking... and £2. And you can have some of the same for being naive.

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SENT TO COVENTRY!

I AM outraged at your refusal to publish articles on Coventry City. They must have one of the best sides in the League at the moment with players like Tommy English, Garry Thompson and Danny Thomas.

They must walk the League Championship next season.

Douglas Shields (11), Northolt, Middlesex.

● THEY do have one of the best sides in the League at the moment... if you forget the thirteen teams that finished above them. You're booked.

Getting shirty

I AM outraged that fans are continually being told by the game's administrators that football is in dire financial straits.

Yet whenever we see internationals and cup finals, the teams always exchange shirts. If the players didn't swap shirts, perhaps I wouldn't have to fork out more for my new season ticket.

Ian McDowell, Liverpool.

● IF Liverpool don't reach any cup finals next season, they won't have to swap shirts. Would you prefer that? You're booked... for not being able to see that football's problems go much further than exchanging a few items of kit.

Ode to Aylott

HERE'S a plea to Barnsley's Trevor Aylott. Trevor Aylott is our hero, And I'm sure you will agree, That Trev is the best thing, To happen to Barnsley FC.

But now his contract has ended, And he's refused to sign another, So Trevor and Barnsley, Are parting from each other.

So we're asking you to stay Trev, For at least another season, But if you still want to leave, We'll understand your reason.

We know it's not the club Trev, That's urging you to go, It's the place where you were born, That you are missing so.

Linda Holling, Worsboro Dale, Barnsley.

Right: Barnsley's Trevor Aylott — he's moved Linda Holling to poetry.

Move over strugglers

ONCE again the four teams finishing bottom of Division Four have been re-elected.

It seems to me that the teams trying for a place in the League are fighting a losing battle.

I would like to suggest that the team finishing bottom of the League is automatically thrown out to make way for a new side.

It's only fair and it's about time the Football League pulled their socks up. Barry Rawlings, Lillington, Leamington Spa, Works.

Gunning for trophies

I BELIEVE Arsenal will win a trophy next season because they proved last season that they had one of the best defences in the country.

They were criticised last season for having no forwards, but they based their success on a very strong defence.

Arsenal rarely allowed a game to slip away after taking the lead.

Now they have signed Yugoslavian skipper Vladimir Petrovic and England's Tony Woodcock, they must surely be in line for a trophy next season.

Z. Zachariou, Tottenham.

Sheffield steel

AT the start of last season, people in the football world were saying how easy it would be for Sheffield United to get out of the Fourth Division.

But it wasn't as easy as some people imagined. In fact, it was quite a struggle.

However, the 'Blades' came through triumphantly. They clinched the Division Four Championship and a lot of the credit must go to United chairman Reg Brearley, who backed manager Ian Porterfield with co-operation and money.

Well done the 'Blades'!

Grant Nuttallage (14), Gleadless Valley, Sheffield.



BLAME THE BOARD!

RELEGATION to the Second Division has really got the Leeds United directors in an axe-swinging mood.

I was disgusted to hear that they had sacked assistant manager Martin Wilkinson, who seems to have shouldered most of the blame for the club's ills.

I believe that the blame must be firmly placed at the door of the directors. It was they who appointed Allan Clarke and Martin Wilkinson.

It was they who sanctioned the millions of pounds spent on new

players — notably the disappointing Peter Barnes.

It is they who have helped bring the club financial trouble.

Now that things have begun to go dramatically wrong they've decided to act and make changes. I don't believe the 18 months Clarke and Wilkinson have had in charge is long enough.

The manager and his assistant aren't to blame for the club's ills. Steven Cooper (15), Hebden Bridge, West Yorks.

£10 WINNER

TERRACE TALK

WORTHY OPPONENTS

IN Frank Worthington's story — told recently in 'Match' — the Leeds striker said that his skills deserve the highest level — meaning the First Division.

But Frank, and relegated Leeds United, will be surprised by the high standard of Second Division soccer next season.

There was some exciting football played in Division Two last term and there will be plenty of competition for the Second Division Championship next season with teams like QPR, Leicester, Newcastle, Sheffield Wednesday and Crystal Palace leading the challenge.

Frank, and Leeds, will find they are not playing second class citizens when they come up against these teams!

John Goodfellow, Clayton-le-Woods, Preston.

MORLEY MISTAKE

ENGLAND'S World Cup team have been competing in Spain without the services of the country's top winger — Aston Villa's Tony Morley.

It was a big mistake by Ron Greenwood to leave Tony out of the squad. His pace and ability to turn defenders inside out should have guaranteed him a place.

Remember his brilliant goal against Dynamo Berlin when he raced from one end of the pitch to the other to score?

Or the goal that finally broke down the frustrating Anderlecht defence in the Semi-Finals of the European Cup?

Or the brilliant run that set up Villa's winner in the European Cup Final against Bayern Munich?

It is a tragedy that England have not had this remarkable player in their World Cup line-ups.

Tracey Callaghan (16), Northfield, Birmingham.

CAPITAL CHAMPIONS

ARSENAL are the champions of London! In First Division fixtures between the Capital's three teams last season, the 'Gunners' had the best record.

The London league table looks like this:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Arsenal	4	2	1	1	7	6	7
Tottenham	4	1	2	1	7	9	5
West Ham	4	1	1	2	7	6	4

Martin McPhillips, North Wembley, Middlesex.

Ron's error

RON Greenwood made a big mistake when he named his final squad for Spain.

He neglected to name any young players.

Ron should have included a few of England's young stars — like Manchester United goalkeeper Gary Bailey. Just experiencing the atmosphere in Spain would have been of enormous benefit to the younger players who will be forming the nucleus of the England side for the 1986 World Cup. P. Howarth, Solihull

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BRAVO, BRYAN

EVEN though I am an ardent Liverpool fan, I think a Manchester United player deserves great credit for England's recent success.

Bryan Robson is a very skilful and hard-working player and I'm sure he'll figure in many England teams to come.

Well done, Bryan!
Anthony Timlin, Leeds.

FREE RANGERS

FOLLOWING Match Weekly's list of free transfers I've compiled this team of players who are up for grabs:

Petar Borota (Chelsea), Brian Greenhoff (Leeds), Ian Gillard (QPR), David Needham (Nott'm. Forest), George Berry (Wolves), Jim Holton (Sheff. Wed.), Clive Woods (Norwich), Mike Channon (Southampton), Stuart Pearson (West Ham), Billy Jennings (Luton), Alan Shoulder (Newcastle). Steve Day, Milton Keynes, Bucks.

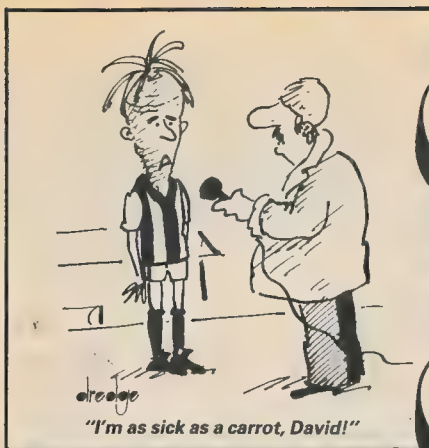
Right: Wolves defender George Berry — he's in Steven Day's free transfer team.

Everton old-boys

I HAVE selected a team of ex-Everton players who would probably scare the current Goodison side.

My side is: George Wood (Arsenal), John Gidman (Man. United), David Jones (Coventry), Colin Todd (Birmingham), Martin Dobson (Burnley), Asa Hartford (Man. City), Mike Thomas (Brighton), Alan Ball (Southampton), John Connolly (Hibernian), Alan Biley (Stoke), Bob Latchford (Swansea). Sub: David Johnson (Liverpool). Manager: Gordon Lee (Preston). Richard Ormerod, Nelson, Lancs.





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Borota holds fire on foreign offers

YUGOSLAVIAN international goalkeeper Petar Borota may be forced to quit England in his quest for first team football.

The 29-year-old, who has made 14 appearances for his country, was given a free transfer by Chelsea at the end of last season.

But surprisingly, the only offers so far have been from foreign clubs.

"I would love to stay in England and play football and I'm confident I could do a good job for a First or Second Division club.

"As yet, however, the only offers that I've had have been from the Continent — one from a Spanish club and one from Aris Salonika of Greece.

"They look very interesting, but I'm going to delay any decision until after the World Cup Finals in the hope that an English club comes in for me."

Petar was signed by Chelsea from Partizan Belgrade for £70,000 in March 1979 and won the hearts of the Stamford Bridge fans with his spectacular efforts in goal.

He was twice voted 'Player of the Year' and, at one stage, was made captain of the side.

Bust-up

But it all turned sour last season in a bust-up over a new contract and, at the beginning of November, Petar lost his place to young starlet Steve Francis.

"The club wanted to get a new contract sorted out before the old one ran out, but I wasn't happy with the terms.

"It didn't give me the security I wanted for my family and I felt I had to make a stand.

"The problems were both personal and financial," claims Petar.

His young successor earned rave notices in the Chelsea goal and Petar was exiled to the wilderness of reserve team football.

"It's so disappointing because I joined Chelsea with great expectations.

"Chelsea Football Club were very famous in my country but I discovered they didn't have the quality players to live up to their name.

"I hoped I could help bring back the good old days to Stamford Bridge but it wasn't to be."

Petar joined Chelsea at the time they were struggling to avoid the drop to Division Two.

He made 12 appearances in place of Chelsea legend Peter Bonetti but failed to help halt the slide which saw the club finish



Steve Francis (left) and the man he replaced as Chelsea's first choice goalkeeper, Petar Borota.

A PROBLEM FOR PETAR

bottom of the table.

Since then, it has been a constant battle for Chelsea to regain their top flight status and Petar says:

"Playing against First Division sides was easier.

"It's more of a battle in the Second Division except when playing against teams like Luton and Queen's Park Rangers who are good footballing sides.

"It's one of my biggest disappointments that we never achieved promotion from the Second Division.

"But the standard of English football means it is very, very difficult to win promotion from Division Two."

While his Chelsea career has

ended in disappointment, Petar feels nothing but affection for the club . . . and the fans.

"Forgetting the last few months, I've had some fantastic moments with the club.

"I'm sorry to be leaving Chelsea and I believe a lot of people are sorry to see me leave.

"Of course I'm sorry to be saying goodbye to the Chelsea fans because the support has been marvellous.

"They have Steve Francis in goal now and there's no questioning his ability, quality and power.

"He can go on to become a very good goalkeeper but it's too early to say whether he will become international class.

"They said the same about

Orient goalkeeper Mervyn Day.

"For my own part, there's no question in my own mind that I could still do a good job for a top club.

"I'd love to play for a quality side and you can be sure I would give them my best.

"I don't want to leave England because my family is settled here and it would mean adapting to a new country and new language all over again.

"But if I do have to move to the Continent, I'm sure I'll be back sometime.

"It's always been my ambition to play in the English First Division and that's not changed. As far as I'm concerned it's definitely the best league in the World."



Charlton's dependable full-back Terry Naylor is still waiting for his first ever League goal after 12 years in the game.

AN exclusive 'Match Weekly' guide to the players who were ever-present in the Second Division last season. And we talk to the former Spurs star who may be destined never to score a League goal . . .

EVER-PRESENT

TERRY GETS

TWELVE-YEAR

GOAL ITCH

CHARLTON defender Terry Naylor is longing to score a League goal next season... and end a marathon 12-year duck.

The former Spurs star, who was an ever-present in Charlton's Second Division line-up last season, has never scored a League goal in his long and distinguished career.

Since making his debut for Spurs against West Brom back in April 1970, Terry has made 310 League appearances and never figured on the scoresheet.

"It's incredible. I feel I'm destined never to score a goal in the Football League," said Terry, who finished last season as Charlton's 'Player of the Year'.

"It's not for the want of trying. Last season, I made a conscious effort to have a crack at goal but the ball just wouldn't go in.

"I'm a good crosser of the ball and, when I did go up the flanks, I used to take it to the by-line and whip in a centre. Last season, I cut inside more and had a go.

"Over the years, I've seen goalkeepers pull off superb saves from me and I've had a few goals disallowed — mainly for offside. The law of averages is defying me.

"It would be fantastic to break my League duck but I've never let my goal drought get me down.

The rest of the lads at Charlton can't believe I haven't scored in the League. In the five-a-side practice matches, I'm as good a goalscorer as anyone at the club.

"The nearest I came to scoring last season was against Bolton at The Valley. Jim McDonagh pulled off an unbelievable save after I'd given the ball some stick on the edge of the box."

Terry does have one goal to his credit in senior football. That came in 1972 against Chelsea in the Semi-Final of the League Cup. Unfortunately, it didn't stop Spurs' London rivals winning 5-4 on

aggregate and reaching Wembley.

"The goal came from a Cyril Knowles corner. It was flicked down by Ralph Coates and I buried it. Ironically, the Chelsea 'keeper that night was John Phillips. He's my team-mate at Charlton now."

Goals apart, Terry was pleased with his form last season and helped newly promoted Charlton consolidate their place in the Second Division.

"Older players like Leighton Phillips, Don McAllister and myself are trying to bring some consistency into the side. If we can do that, I'm sure we can challenge for promotion next season.

"Last term, we hammered a few of the top teams as we built up a run of 13 games without defeat. That showed we are good enough. Now it's a matter of playing like that all season."

Charlton will start the new campaign with Ken Craggs at the helm following the departure of manager Alan Mullery.

"It was no great surprise to the players. We knew he was disillusioned with the attendances at Charlton.

"Even when we were in the top six last season we only pulled in the faithful 5,000. It was a disappointment to us all, but we've just got to out there and do our best."

Terry, who joined Charlton from Tottenham nearly two years ago, is set to sign another contract for the club in the next month or so.

"I'm 32 now but I'm still as fit as ever and enjoying myself at Charlton. It's a friendly club.

"But I'm not here just to finish my days. I still want to get into the First Division and I believe we can do it.

"Promoted clubs Luton, Watford and Norwich were the best teams in the Second Division last season. Now they've gone I see no other teams to fear.

EVER-PRESENT 81/82

DIVISION TWO

Club	Player	League apps. for club	Total League apps.	League goals 1981-82	Total League goals for club	Total League goals
BARNSELY	Mike McCarthy	221	221	1	6	6
	Bobby Horn	42	42	0	0	0
	Phil Chambers	359	359	0	7	7
CAMBRIDGE	Jamie Murray	163	163	0	3	3
	Steve Fallon	297	297	5	23	23
	Terry Naylor	67	310	0	0	0
CHARLTON	Leighton Phillips	42	459	1	1	16
	Colin Pates	73	73	1	1	1
	Jim Cannon	336	336	1	19	19
C. PALACE	Nigel Batch	194	194	0	0	0
GRIMSBY	Brian Stein	184	184	20	59	59
	Mal Donaghy	166	166	9	10	10
	Steve White	72	122	18	25	45
LUTON	Kevin Carr	98	98	0	0	0
	Chris Waddle	55	55	7	8	8
	Imre Varadi	42	78	18	18	28
NEWCASTLE	Chris Woods	52	115	0	0	0
	Steve Walford	52	121	1	1	4
	Mervyn Day	124	318	0	0	0
ORIENT	Kevin Godfrey	73	73	8	11	11
	Paul Stanciliffe	272	272	1	7	7
	Tony Towner	78	308	3	10	47
ROTHERHAM	Bob Bolder	154	154	0	0	0
	Gary Bannister	42	64	21	21	24
	Bob Wardle	131	131	0	0	0
SHREWSBURY	Les Taylor	66	285	4	5	20
	Ian Bolton	189	260	5	28	32
	Eddie Niedzwiecki	69	69	0	0	0

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NORTHERN Ireland won the hearts of every British fan — and many more besides — with a win over Spain that took them into the second round.

No one can deny the brave Irish their moment of glory. They earned it with a display of sheer guts and determination after a cruel decision had reduced them to ten men.

Battling against tiredness, intimidation and the hostile fans, they refused to surrender.

And in the end a 47th minute goal from Gerry Armstrong — and the pluck of the Irish — was enough to give them.



Above: It's all over and what an emotional moment for N. Ireland manager Billy Bingham as he hugs goalscorer Gerry Armstrong.

Left: Whack — Gerry Armstrong beats Spanish 'keeper Luis Arconada with the goal that took the Irish through.

Below left: Smiling Irish hero Chris Nicholl with a Spanish shirt — a souvenir of one of the greatest games he will ever play.

Below: Mal Donaghy chases Spain's Juanito before his controversial sending off. Sammy McIlroy looks on.

